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Samuel Gompers Dies in San Antonio Saturday Morning

PENN McCORKLE GUSHER IN FOR 7600 BARRELS

Groesbeck Extends Welcome to Courthouse Celebration

PROGRAM PLANS COMMEMORATION OF COMPLETION OF LIMESTONE'S HALF MILLION DOLLAR CT. HOUSE

Groesbeck is planning to put the big pot in the little one for three days this week, from December 18 to 20, according to Secretary Farrow of the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce. He was in Mexia Saturday and brought a special invitation from the people of Groesbeck to the citizenship of this section of the county, urging them to be present at least a part if not all of the time.

The occasion will be the commemoration of the completion of Limestone County's new half a million dollar court house, which is now all spic and span, with its shining marble and towering halls, ready for the festivities of the week and for the service of the County.

The program begins Thursday December 18, with a band concert and concludes Saturday night with the Queens Ball.

In full the program is as follows:

PROGRAM.

Thursday, Dec. 18th.

1.00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m.—Band Concert.

3:00 p. m. to 4.00 p. m.—Address By John T. Orr, Pres. Farm Bureau.

4:00 p. m.—Ford Car given away.

7:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m.—Band Concert.

8:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.—Old Fiddlers' Contest.

First Prize $15.00.

Second Prize $10.00.

Friday, Dec. 19th.

11:00 a. m.—Band Concert.

1:00 p. m. Parade.

Prettiest out of town float $25.00.

Prettiest out of town car $15.00.

Prettiest rural school car or float $10.00.

Most unique entry $5.00.

2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Address—Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson.

8.00 p. m. street dance.

Saturday, Dec. 20th.

2:00 p. m.—Dedication of New Court House.

3:00 to 4:00 p. m.—Address—Hon. T. H. McGregor.

4.00—Ford Car Given away.

7:30 p. m.—Coronation of Queen of Limestone County.

8:30 p. m.—Queen's Ball.

Rodeo and wild west performances daily by Texas Bud's Big Rodeo.

NEW DISCOVERY ADDS MILLIONS TO OIL DISTRICT

Colonel A. E. Humphreys is highly delighted with the discovery of fifteen feet of rich pay in the Penn McCorkle. It is designated by Mr. Fohs as the lower member of the Woodbine strata of sand.

This sand was not encountered in the Mexia field and finding it in the Wortham area gives that territory an added advantage in productivity and adds many millions to the value of all holdings.

He is especially elated inasmuch the immense holdings of the Boyd Oil Company will yield a greater production than he had looked forward to and acreage on which he had made a very conservative estimate from his past experience in oil development will after the flush and pumping period, in the present sand, are exhausted will allow him to go deeper in this lower member of the Woodbine family and have an additional production easily estimated at 50 per cent above original figures.

THE WEATHER.

[By United Press]
Texas—Fair and colder.

INTEREST SHOWN IN NEXT CHIEF SUCCEEDING GOMPERS

By WILLIAM J. LOSH,
United Press Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The death of Samuel Gompers precipitates an interest within the American Federation of Labor for the power he exercised thru forty-two years that may well lead to far reaching changes within the organization and affect its future course.

Election of Gompers' temporary successor lies within the executive council of the Federation. Frank Morrison, secretary, automatically becomes acting president, but he is required to issue a call within six days from today for a meeting of the council to elect someone to complete Gompers' term until the convention of the Federation meets at Atlantic City next November.

Matthew Woll, seventh vice president of the Federation and representative of the ex-photographer union, appears to be the most likely candidate for the interim appointment. Woll has been Gompers' right hand man for the past few years and labor leaders here believe he will be picked to hold the organization together while its component elements gird for the fight for permanent control over it.

Others who have a chance of temporary election, however, because of their membership on the executive council from which the regent must be picked, are James F. Duncan, Granite Workers; Joseph F. Valentine, Moulders; Frank Duffy, Carpenters; William Green Mine Workers; T. A. Rickart, Garment Workers; Jack Fischer, Barbers; Martin Ryan, Railroad Carmen; Daniel J. Tobin, teamsters and Frank Morrison, printers.

A fight for the presidency will occur at the Atlantic City convention next year when powerful groups within the Federation meet in a struggle for power which Gompers has long suppressed by his amazing generalship. Chief contestants in this conflict will be John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers Union; W. L. Hutcheson, president of the carpenters union and Daniel J. Tobin, president of the teamsters union.

Leaders liken the prospect to a "battle royal," in which several contestants struggle until the last man standing is awarded the title. So determined are the various elements to seize the power that Gompers wielded so long that a "no quarter" battle is held inevitable.

Henry Martin of the Crowdus Drug Company was here Saturday.

The Chief Is Gone Is Message Sent To Union Men of U.S.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 13.—Samuel Gompers died at 4:05 o'clock this morning at his room in the Saint Anthony Hotel. His death was announced five minutes later by Chester I. Wright, press representative of the American Federation of Labor.

Wright came into the hall from the room where Gompers battled with the grim reaper all through the long hours of the night and said:

"The chief is gone."

Failing heart action, caused by the strain of the grueling trip from the City of Mexico and the aged man's general weakened condition caused his death, according to Wright.

SAMUEL GOMPERS.

Veteran labor leader who passed away at San Antonio Saturday, mourned by millions of laborers and others.

In a bulletin issued at 10 o'clock Friday night, the last official statement issued before Gompers' death, the physicians declared that there had been no change in his condition and that there was every indication he would spend a comfortable night.

At 2 o'clock, however, there was a sudden change in the veteran labor leader's condition and he sunk rapidly from that time until 4.05 o'clock.

Shortly after 3 o'clock all members of the Gompers party and officials of the American Federation of Labor were awakened by Wright and a United States immigration officer who stood guard at the door all night.

Local labor leaders were notified of their chief's condition at that time also, and a number of men and women began crowding the corridors near the room, on the third floor at the Saint Anthony.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, went into his chief's room at 3:30 o'clock but would make no statement at that time.

"The end is near now. It is just artificial life."

Between 3:45 o'clock and 4 o'clock [illegible] ers grasped the hand of one [illegible] associates, asking for his wi[illegible] faint voice.

"Ple[illegible] for my wife, I know I am [illegible] he begged.

It [illegible]ain 10 minutes after he sp[illegible] words that he died, accord[illegible] Wright.

Aft[illegible]pers' death was announc[illegible]poseful looking men with [illegible] gray hair, in wrinkled business [illegible]ts, stood in front of his door and cried—unashamed.

These men—leaders in the labor world—every one of them, spoke hardly a word.

They were too moved by the death of their chief to talk.

Silent women in kimonas—members of the American Federation of Labor sectariat staff—wept silently.

Their leader was dead.

At 4:45 o'clock members of the executive staff of the American Federation of Labor met in Secretary Frank Morrison's room for a conference and Wright announced that an official statement would be made, following the conference. He didn't know, however, how long the executive session would last he said.

Gompers made no rational statement regarding the future of the American Federation of Labor before his death, however, according to Wright.

"That he did not make any statement regarding his wishes in relation to the Federation is simply my personal opinion," said Wright, in explaining that he had heard nothing about it.

One of the first persons to be notified of Gompers' death—even before news services flashes were sent—was President Calles of Mexico.

The first woman, except women

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SMITH BEALL 1 TO START TO BAILING IN SUNDAY

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's Beall 1, a North offset to the Kirby Bounds 1 gusher of Thursday, was drilling at around 2960 feet late Saturday. It will drill to 2984, the same as the Kirby Bounds 1, and bailing is expected to begin on this operation sometime Sunday.

The Smith Beall 2 is rigging up to spud in and the derrick for number 3 was completed Saturday. The number 2 is North of the Beall 1, and the number 3 is West of it.

This Company had had the distinction of being far down toward Woodbine depths on offsets to both gushers which came in this past week. As a result Smith stock has been much in demand at rising figures.

POINT ENTERPRISE CITIZENS ENTHUSIASTIC FOR ROAD BONDS TO BE VOTED ON NEXT TUESDAY

A splendid good roads meeting was held Friday night at the church in Point Enterprise. Some fifty or sixty people were present and the meeting went on record as being unanimously in favor of the good road bond election to be held Tuesday, December the 16.

The committee from Mexia who addressed the meeting were David Murphy, A Hardy Eubanks and Jere Cason. The speakers of the local community were H. W. Tolson and Mr. Bond who besides expressing themselves as being in favor of the bond issue, extended the Mexia visitors a most hearty welcome.

This is the last of a series of like meetings in the rural communities around Mexia and at each of the meetings there has been a unanimous feeling for the Road Bond issue. The citizens of Mexia are indeed proud of the success of these meetings and the good will that has been brought about due to them. We want the farmers in this trade territory to feel that Mexia is their trade home, and each citizen of Mexia should prove this Tuesday by going to the polls and voting for the Bond Issue.

W. A. REITER, GEOLOGIST

Member of the firm of Reiter-Foster Company, Geologist who began working out structure at Wortham two years ago and who made the location for the Penn-McCorkle 1 which came in Saturday at noon, the fourth well in the new field, for 7600 barrels.

W. T. JOWELL INSTANTLY KILLED BY FALLING BEAM IN FIELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

W. T Jowell, a well known resident of Mexia was instantly killed about three o'clock Friday afternoon by a falling plank from the top of a derrick. Jowell was employed by Brannon and Murray, rig builders and was at work on the J. K. Hughes lease near Wortham. At the time of the accident, he was standing on the floor of the derrick when a 2x10 inch plank about sixteen feet long slipped from near the top of the derrick striking him end ways on the side of the head. Spectators state the deceased never realized what had happened as he was dead before anyone could reach him.

The deceased is survived by a wife and five children who reside at 412 East Commerce Street. The daughters are: Doris, Lois and Rosa Lie, the two boys names are James and Willie. J. C. Jowell, S. H. Jowell and wife, G. H. Jowell, E. L. Jowell and wife and Miss Etta Jowell from Dallas, R. L. Jowell from Frankston all brothers and sisters of the deceased arrived in Mexia Saturday.

The remains were sent to Frankston, Texas for interment Saturday afternoon. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Jowell, a teacher in the public schools here for the past several years is a sister of the deceased.

The arrangement for the shipment of the deceased were made by the John R. Corley Undertaking Company.

JIM FERGUSON FLAYS JUDGE KIRBY AND KIRBY FLAYS TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Judge Fountain H. Kirby of Limestone County attended the state highway parley in Dallas this past week. He was flayed by Jim Ferguson in the discussion pertaining to the highway department with whom he locked horns.

Of the argument, North Texas morning daily newspapers Saturday described the event as follows:

Advocates of the Ferguson administration's legislative program for automobile and gasoline tax laws in the 1925 Texas Legislature as recommended in the report of a committee of fifteen, carried their plan unchanged through a two-hour fight in the general conference at the Jefferson Hotel Friday morning. It was adopted by an overwhelming majority of the 1,000 or more delegates in attendance and will go to the Legislature as the expressed will of representatives of every interest affected by the proposed $6 average automobile license fee and the 3c gasoline tax.

The principal assault on the recommendations of the committee was led by Judge H. F. Kirby of Groesbeck, Limestone County and Representative John T. Smith of Austin. Representative Smith declared he would wage a determined fight on the plan if it came to the Legislature.

Ferguson Replies Caustically.

To these opponents former Governor Ferguson, chairman of the conference, replied in caustic terms. He asked Judge Kirby why his county did not levy the special tax permitted under the law for building lateral roads.

"Representative Smith can fight us all he pleases," the chairman declared. "He is like the Irishman who came over to this country and upon landing in Castle Garden announced that he was against everything, everywhere.

"Some people think because they are county officials they have a corner on honesty and sincerity. They believe they are the only people who know how to spend the people's money. I want to tell you County Commissioners you have been just as extravagant with pub-

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GUSHER EXTENDS WORTHAM OIL FIELD ONE MILE N. E.

The Penn McCorkle 1 came in Saturday at noon for an estimated production of 7,600 barrels. During the first hour, it flowed 255 barrels; the second hour, 325 barrels and when guaged after flowing three hours the crude oil shot into the 5000 barrel storage had risen to 4 and a half feet. The capacity of the tank is 196 barrels to the foot.

The completion of this test, as a producer, lengthened the producing area about one mile Northeast of the Kirby Bounds 1, and invigorated activity about it on every surrounding lease.

Although the field is but three weeks old, and this is the fourth producer brought in, the field is already known by these discoveries to be practically four miles long.

The Penn well is in the east part of the townsite of Wortham; is about a mile Northeast of the Kirby-Bounds, about 5,000 feet Northeast of the Boyd Oil Company Simmons 1 and on a direct line with the Boyd Simmons and the Boyd Oil Company's discovery well on the N. B. Boyd.

The drillers who watched day and night in bringing the well finally into the production column were Black and Black of Corsicana.

Bob Penn has been on the lease almost constantly for the past several days and although he never lost hope of bringing it in, others did and until noon Saturday, for a week, he has shown in every line of his countenance that he was under a nervous tension. When the gusher came in turned to the side for a few minutes, he threw a brand new hat into the slush pit, while all those gathered at the gusher also shouted their expressions of delight and gladness for his sake, if not for anything else. He went about bareheaded the rest of the day making arrangements for more wells to be drilled on this acreage. Already the derrick is up for the Penn McCorkle 2 just east of the number 1, while offsets on all sides began to run more lively still as the sound of the steady flow of oil could be heard rushing to storage.

Rigs that had begun preparations to move away from that part of the field Friday were getting ready to stay right there and those that had moved off were ordered back.

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's Edwards 1, an offset south of the Penn 1, was to set casing Saturday night at 2940 feet.

The extension means that further semi-wild catting will go forward still further Northeast.

East of the McCorkle, Colonel Humphreys has a tract on which a derrick is up. North and West also are other tests either going down or getting ready to spud in.

It is only about four blocks in to the business district of Wortham and on back southwest as far as the Boyd discovery well, the derricks are getting thicker daily. Such a campaign is wothout a parallel in the history of Texas, veterans of the game in the state assert.

The well was completed just one week after it was first expected in. Everything had been made ready Saturday, December 6, for the well to be completed in the production column. The Atlantic Company, partly interested in the lease, had laid a six inch line to take the oil and representatives of the Boyd Oil Company, also interested in the well, were then on the derrick floor, cooperating with Mr. Penn in the work involved. It failed to produce then and at once it was decided that it would have to be drilled deeper. The first bailing was when the hole had reached a depth of 2991 feet. It was drilled 24 feet

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THE CHIEF IS DEAD MESSAGE SENT TO UNION MEN OF U.S.

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members of the party, to be advised of the death, was Mrs. Chester I. Wright, of Washington. Wright wired her immediately after he announced the death.

Mrs. Gompers was also notified immediately and fifteen minutes later, scores of telegrams were being sent by the grim faced men and weeping women who thronged the hallway on the third floor of the Saint Anthony.

The following statement was issued by Frank Morrison, secretary of the A. F. of L., and members of the executive council present at 6 o'clock this morning.

"President Gompers died at 4:9 o'clock this morning after heroic efforts to save his life. Dr. Lee Rice and Dr. W. S. Hanson, of San Antonio were in attendance. Dr. Rice stated that Mr. Gompers' heart failed to respond to restoratives. There had been an acute condition of the heart and kidneys for fully a year and a half past. It was impossible to overcome the weakness of the heart. Every possible measure was taken to prolong Mr. Gompers' life, but to no avail."

At 2:30 this morning he uttered his last words.

"Now it is the end," he said "God bless our American institutions. May they grow better day by day."

From that time until the end Mr. Gompers was unconscious. His breathing was heavy until just a few moments before the end. As death approached his face became calm and he sank peacefully and quietly into his last slumber.

In accordance with a wish expressed in Mexico City when he believed the end to be near, Vice President James Duncan held Mr. Gompers' hand as he passed away.

Members of the executive council present in San Antonio are discussing arrangements for the funeral and an announcement in that respect will be made later.

Mr. Gompers, during his last moments was surrounded by a group, two members of which have for years been his intimate associates and co-workers. They were: Dr. Lee Rice and Dr. W. S. Hanson, of San Antonio; Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor; vice presidents, James Duncan, Matthew Woll and Martin F. Ryan; W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Street and Electric Railway Employes; John P. Frey, editor of the Molders Journal and president of the Ohio State Federation of Labor; Florence C. Thorne, member of the A. F. of L. Research staff; William C. Roberts, chairman of the A. F. of L. legislative committee; Chester M. Wright, director, A. F. of L. information and publicity; J. E. Giles and E. J. Tracy, members of the A. F. of L. office force; T. J. McQuaid, plate printers union, Washington, D. C.; C. N. Idar, A. F. of L. organizer in San Antonio; Joseph L. Lynch, member of the Amalgamated Association of Street & Railway employes, and A. L. Bytel, United States immigrant office.

The two nurses present were Miss M. H. May, R. N., of New York and Miss Marie Jameston, R. N., of San Antonio.

Samuel Gompers, the controlling spirit of organized labor in the United States, was born in the slum quarter of London, Jan. 27, 1850. He came to America at the age of 13, and was a naturalized American citizen when he reached 21.

He was an apprentice in the cigar trade when he crossed the ocean and continued in the tobacco work, being made president of the International Cigar Workers Union in 1860, from which office he never was removed.

When the American Federation of Labor was organized in 1881, he was offered the presidency but declined.

After serving a year as vice president, he assumed full command until 1894, when for a year he yielded to John McBride, representing the coal miners. He again was elected to the office, which incumbency he held until his death. The position paid no salary, but allowed him expenses. However, in 1886 when the Federation was reorganized, Gompers was given a $10,000 salary yearly.

Gompers was credited with settling more strikes than any other labor man in history. He served on many civic and national committees. During the World War he served as chairman of the labor committee of the council of national defense and kept the labor forces behind the Government.

Gompers was married to Sophia Julian, an English girl who came to this country about the same time he did. She died in March, 1920. Gompers re-married on April 1, 1921, to Gertrude Neuscheler.

The labor chief had four children, three boys and a girl.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Before Gompers left on his late trip to El Paso and Mexico City he told his secretary if he died he wished to be buried in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, New York, Samuel, Jr., said.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 13.—The general offices of the M. K. & T. today completed arrangements for handling the Gompers funeral coach from San Antonio to St. Louis. The car will leave San Antonio at 11.00 tonight, arriving in Fort Worth at 8 in the morning. There it will be attached to the Katy Flyer and arrive in St. Louis Monday morning, where it will be turned over to the Baltimore and Ohio.

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deeper when bailing began Saturday morning.

The elevation of the well is 461 feet. The depth of the hole is 3015 feet. It is in the sand 16 feet. The estimated production of 7,600 barrels is coming in through a one and a half inch choke.

W. A. Reiter of the firm of Reiter and Foster, geologists, is being extended much praise for his part in working out the structure on which the latest discovery was made. With the log of the old Jap test on the Longbotham, West, three years ago, which drilled to a depth of 3200 feet, as a starter, he began two years ago to work out the structure, pronouncing the area in the eastern part of Wortham and east of Wortham as most likely for oil production. He also had the log of the old Peurfoy test which drilled to a depth of 3220 feet and the logs of other wells to assist him in drawing conclusions following his close examination and study of surface geology.

His geology and that of the Humble Oil Company's geological department are said to have talked all the way through, and the Humble secured large lease holdings in the vicinity of the new gusher as a result of their faith in the territory.

Many citizens of Mexia are interested in royalty and in leases throughout the field and were greatly enriched by the discovery in the Penn McCorkle 1, just as they have been in the previous discoveries of this mammoth oil pool.

BOYD SIMMONS SUPPLIES GAS FOR THIRTEEN OTHER BOYD COMPANY OPERATIONS

The Boyd Oil Company is using gas from the Roy Simmons 1 gusher in the new field for its operations in the most active center of the Mid Continent Oil district. Thirteen drilling operations are being supplied fuel by this one well alone. Other operations of the company will also be supplied from the same source as rapidly as connected up. This is a noticeable economy in the operations of this company.

OIL FIELD ACCIDENTS.

Sam Ray, 26 years old an employee of the Atlantic Oil Producing Company had his left foot injured while putting up telegraph pole Saturday morning about 11:10 in the Wortham field. He will be unable to work for several days.

F. C. Williams of the Humble Oil & Refining Company had two bones broken in his right foot about nine o'clock Saturday morning. Williams was at work on the Lindley lease in the Wortham field, while tightening a tool joint his foot was struck with a sledge hammer.

F. J. Riley, an employe of the Welch Motor Company painfully injured his right hand early Saturday morning while adjusting a shock absorber on a car. An X-Ray picture did not show any broken bones.

B. F. Bruce of M. Patridge Company, Drilling contractors, severely injured his left hand Saturday morning while working on jack board, joint of pipe fell on hand.

E. R. Blair of the Humble Oil and Refining Company injured his left foot Saturday morning when a heavy beam fell on his foot. The accident occurred in the Wortham field.

A truck loaded with heavy timber turned over near the Boyd well Saturday afternoon about two o'clock painfully injuring the left hand of A. E. Collier, who was on the truck at the time of the accident.

WILDCATTING TO START NEAR COTTON GIN SOON

It is understood here that a lease has been made recently for acreage between Mexia and Teague where wildcatting is soon to be the order of the day. A dam is to be constructed on a creek running through the vicinity of Cotton gin to impound water to be used in the campaign.

Yes we have one large room, which will fit up for bedroom or housekeeping, located 4 blocks north post office at 109 East Rusk street west of Sherman. 14X1

JIM FERGUSON FLAYS JUDGE KIRBY AND KIRBY FLAYS TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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lic money as anyone else."

After the adoption of the committee report, with its recommendation for an average of $6 for automobile license fees all of which is to be retained by the county collecting it, and for a 3c tax on gasoline with one-fourth of the fund derived to go to rural or common schools and three-fourths to the State Highway Commission, the conference adopted a resolution commending Gov. Elect Miriam A. Ferguson and former Gov. Ferguson for their foresight in calling the conference. This resolution also declared the conference in favor of a unified system of highways under the direction of the State Highway Commission.

Marrs Commended.

Another resolution adopted by the conference commended State Superintendent of Instruction S. M. N. Marrs for his efforts to postpone all adoptions until the law is amended and to adopt all the present basic books for another year. The textbooks board was condemned in the resolution for refusing to consider the recommendations of Superintendent Marrs. E. M. Davis of Brownwood resented this resolution.

Wants Taxes Reduced.

"I am with Barry Miller heart and soul," declared Ferguson, "that instead of raising taxes we have got to reduce them as far as possible. Some men think that because they are county officials that they alone know how to spend money. Why, they certainly wasted money as well as the State Highway Commission, and they have no right to come here and arrogate to themselves the only honesty in this convention. If anyone wants to fight us on this, even if a member of the State Legislature, let them go to it. Judge Kirby, you are getting more money under this proposed law for Limestone County than at present and yet you sidetracked that question and attacked the commission. If we are honest with the people you won't vote for this amendment and raise the auto tax to $10. I wanted $5 myself.

Flays Highway Board.

Judge H. F. Kirby of Groesbeck, preceding Ferguson, flayed the highway commission, pleaded that the auto license be left as at present and objected to the distribution of funds the resolutions proposed.

"We would be better off without the highway commission," said Kirby, "and while the counties should get all of the auto tax money it doesn't matter about the gasoline tax at all. The commission is in league with firms selling machinery and I won't support any measure taking more control from the counties and centralizing power in Austin which will mean centralization at Washington soon. I know you won't agree with me because selfish interests are back of all this."

A delegate arose and shouted that Kirby was out of order because he wasn't speaking on the subject, which was the amendment calling for $10.

Then Ed Steeger of Bonham got the floor and asked Kirby:

"How much money is your county getting under the present system and how much will it get under the proposed?"

"We are not getting all of the money," answered Kirby and there was laughter.

Miller Asks Question.

"Didn't you get $650,000 for your county?" demanded Barry Miller.

"Yes, but is it right for Limestone County to get so much money when nearby counties get so little?" replied Kirby, "if you steam roller us now there will be a big reaction. Soon you can build more roads by county bonds than with state and federal aid."

Limestone County is contesting the present State Highway law and refused to send any of its auto tax funds to the Highway Commission.

N. S. Kilgo of Knox City, in a brief speech, urged that the amendment for a $10 fee be supported.

Legislator Opposes.

It was to John Smith of Travis County, member of the Legislature, that Ferguson directed part of his warm speech, for Smith made a strong speech declaring that he would oppose the auto fee reduction in the Legislature. "I will support a move to reduce the advalorem tax' said Smith, "cutting it five cents on the $100, but the proposed gasoline tax is a burden on the people, not on the oil companies. We don't need the three-cent tax, but let's get the money from tax dodgers."

He was answered by James A. Stephens of Benjamin, a member of the resolutions committee, his speech, punctuated by sallies at enemies of the proposed law, bringing ringing laughter. Stephens said that the $10 feet is too high and that thousands could not afford it. Smith also took a rap at teachers and Stephens came to their defense, saying they were underpaid. One-fourth of the gasoline tax will go to the rural school and Smith saw no need for this. "Did you ever hear of a teacher accumulating anything?" asked Stephens. "They won't make as much money as a waiter. Any man who refuses to uphold this three-cent tax, part of which is for the schools, is narrow, whether a member of the Legislatur or not."

Curtis Hancock of Breckenridge and A. R. Darnell of Bell county spoke in favor of the $6 fee, while E. M. Davis of Brownwood, County Judge John Ehlinger of Fayette County, and L. B. Doran of Williamson County favored the $10 fee. H. A. Hollis of Scurry County declared that the highway commission is getting the lion's share of funds and proposed one-fourth of the gas tax for the counties, one-half for the schools and one-fourth for the State.

A resolution offered by R. E. Huff of Wichita Falls approving of a statewide, comprehensive, connected highway system to be constructed under supervision of the Highway Commission, was carried unanimously. The main resolutions regarding the automobile and gasoline tax carried, with only four voting against them. The hall at the top of the Jefferson was filled today, as it was yesterday, and among those attending were 20 State legislators.

The situation presented by Jim Ferguson speaking in such direct fashion to Judge Kirby is interesting in this county on account of the leading part which Judge Kirby took in advancing the interests of Mrs. Ferguson for Governor. He has always been recognized as an ardent Ferguson supporter.

SPEIGHT 1 HAS OIL SHOWING WHEN BAILED

Work of bailing the Speight 1 of Z. Gardner, south of Mexia six miles, at Shiloh, has attracted some interest the past few days. An oil showing is reported. The opinion is freely expressed that the wildcat will have to drill a few feet deeper.

OPERA HOUSE

MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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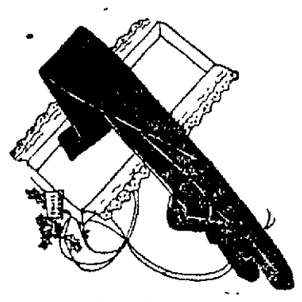

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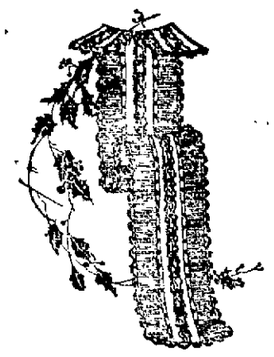

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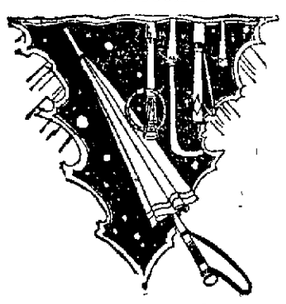

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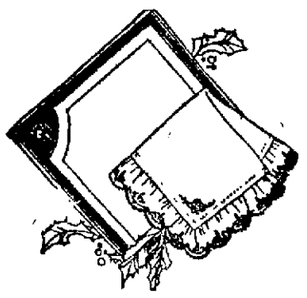

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Miss Catherine McGrail Entertains Black Cat Football Squad With An Elaborate Banquet at Country Club

Miss Catherine McGrail entertained the members of the successful 1925 Mexia Hi Black Cat football squad, their ladies and a few friends, with an elaborate banquet at the Mexia Country Club Friday night. The table was made into the shape of a football gridiron with goal posts and markers. Red carnations and fern leaves were tied together with a black ribbon using the high school colors throughout in the beautifully decorated room.

Coach E. H. Poteet was toastmaster and after making a short talk called on members of the Black Cat squad for a few words, among those making talks were Captain Thompson, Perkinson, Buford, Lucas, Bennett and Murphy.

Each member of the squad making a talk had a selected subject and delivered it well. J. K. Hughes also made an interesting talk to the guests.

Among those present at the banquet were: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hughes, Roy Andrews, Principal of the High School, Misses Margaret Smith, Marianna Murphy, Josephine Wofford, Clara Belle Bybee, Tina DeLong, Grace Stephens, Eleanor Moore, Pearl Goolsby, Birdie Crider, Mary Porter Travis, Marguerite Yeldell, "Nig" Maddox, Jesse May Sherrar, Margaret Storey, Elizabeth Jones, Genevive Hughes, Lurlie and Audrie Betts, Messrs Bowser Crider, Clyde Wesson, Mil Aulds, Wayne Thompson, Dick Buford, Jack Corley, Doyle Perkinson, Reuben Storey, Marvin Bennett, Jim Karner, Wilbur Hoelzel, Bill Murphy, Wayne Lucas, Haskell Shorter, Weldon Wiggins, Rado Ward, Leldon DuPuy, Ed Wiggins, Jim Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Poteet, Miss Catherine McGrail, Miss Lessie Spearman and Dr. Roy Lehman.

SHILOH SCHOOL TEACHER INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Miss Shirley Suttle, teacher in the Shiloh school, and who makes her home with her brother, G. R. Suttle on East Sumpter street, was painfully though not seriously injured Friday night in an auto crash while returning to Mexia. She was taken to her home and Dr. Dorset was called and dressed her wounds, consisting of bruises and cuts about the face. She will probably be able to resume her duties in the school room Monday.

The accident occurred on the Groesbeck road, when a car driven by several men struck the car in which Miss Suttle and Mrs. Ward were returning from Forest Glade school where they had been attending a basket ball game. Mrs. Ward was also bruised up considerably, and their car was slight damaged.

The car driven by the men was almost completely wrecked.

GIFT SHOP.

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 12.—A miniature gift shop was made and stocked by children enrolled in the kindergarten at the College of Industrial Arts this week as a Christmas project in their course of instruction. The shop was built of floor blocks and the gifts modeled from clay.

The little tots gave a Christmas party for their mothers Friday night. A huge Christmas tree was donated for the occasion by W. R. Nabours, business manager of the college.

CHIEF FIGURES IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Above: MRS. CORA L/A FORGE & ELLIS CUTTING
Below: GEN. R. L. BULLARD & GUSTAV STRESEMANN.

Dr. Gustav Stresemann, German Foreign Minister, becomes the final arbiter in German politics as the result of the Reichstag elections. Major-General Robert Lee Bullard, who commanded the American First Field Army in France, and who retires soon as commander of the Second Corps Area, with headquarters in New York, has been quoted as declaring that, because of their superior discipline, one German soldier was as good as three Allied soldiers in the World War. Elias H. Cutting, eighty-seven, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the last surviving member of the Light Brigade to ride with Lord Raglan in the immortal charge on the Russian guns at Balaklava, in the Crimean War, is dead of paralysis. Mrs. Cora la Forge's full name incorporates fifteen hyphens as a result of that many marriages. She has just secured her eleventh divorce in East St. Louis, Ill., and intends to marry again. She is forty-five.

FIANCE DIES ON WEDDING EVE

MISS ISABELLE POPE

The marriage of Miss Isabelle Pope, of Wilmette, Ill., sophomore at Northwestern University, and Nelson McClintock, youthful millionaire orphan of Chicago, was balked by his death. Knowing he could not recover, he urged his sweetheart to secure a marriage license and marry him on his death bed, but by the time she returned with the license, he was dead.

JAPANESE OFFICERS REPORTED DROWNED

[By United Press]

TOKIO, Dec. 13.—One hundred officers and men are believed to have drowned today when the Japanese special naval service ship Kanto went aground in the Japan Sea, twelve miles off Tsu Gruga, and broke in two. Thirty of the crew were rescued, but Kantos vice commander and ninety-nine others are missing.

W. A. Martin of Corsicana was a visitor in Mexia Saturday.

Mrs. D. Williams was here from Lufkin Saturday.

J. G. Gassett was here from Corsicana Saturday.

W. J. Lee was here from Dallas Saturday.

Wm. A. Green was here on business Saturday from Dallas.

MRS. ZENO KING ENTERTAINS "13" CLUB

On last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. King entertained the "13" Sewing Club at her home on Ross Avenue. This cozy home was made very inviting for the guests and most enjoyable was the afternoon spent in genial friendship while busy fingers worked dainty stitches in various sorts of linens.

Guests other than members were: Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Dorsett, Mrs. Gray Forrest and Mrs. T. B. Chatham.

At the conclusion of the afternoon, most delicious refreshments were served consisting of salmon croquettes, hot rolls, nut bread sandwiches, celery, chocolate pie and coffee.

J. C. Wynne of Fort Worth was here on business Saturday.

L. J. Blace was a visitor from Beaumont Friday.

Russell G. Davis was a business visitor Saturday.

W. S. Guthrie was in the city Friday and Saturday from Rockdale.

C. I. A. Girl Doll Up for Daddies And Mothers Christmas

[By United Press]

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 12.—Beauty parlors in the vicinity of the campus at the College of Industrial Arts are doing a thriving business these days. Students, anxious to appear to the best advantage when they step off the train into the arms of father, mother, or whatever arms may be waiting for them, wish to overlook no psychological detail in the matter of returning home.

For several weeks there have been frantic efforts on the part of those inclined to obeisity to curtail the regular consumption of alluring chocolate bars and other sweets. Most of the students report that they are still gaining.

HOW TO FIGURE SALT WATER DEPTHS HERE

Here's how salt water depths are figured by many operators in the local fields.

The generally accepted sub-sea depth is 2560 feet. The elevation is added to this, which gives salt water depths.

In figuring how far a well is off salt water, the depth of the hole is subtracted from this total.

Between the sand and the water is found a formation of a few inches thickness, sometimes hard and sometimes soft.

The 2560 sub sea depth has been proven generally in all Mexia Balconnes fault fields.

Frank Oliver was a business visitor form Groesbeck Saturday.

HONOLULU, Dec. 12.—A prison sentence of one hour was imposed by Federal Judge J. T. DeBolt, in the United States District Court upon K. Nakaya, Japanese counterfeiter, who turned Government witness and gave the authorities information by which they were able to obtain indictments against twenty-one members of a gang of Japanese making bogus money in various parts of the Territory. Ten of the cases have already been successfully prosecuted. Nakaya's hour of imprisonment was spent in the office of the United States marshal.

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FOR SALE—5 room modern cottage, oak floors, large deep lot garage for 2 cars, servants room, 320 South Red River or call on Wildman Furniture Store. 14X3

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FOR SALE—16x50 cot tent with 24 steel cots all set up and everything furnished, all ready for business, or it can be easily moved, see at Young rooms, 207 S. Red River St. or phone 607W. 14X7

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

J. N. Martin was here from Fort Worth Saturday.

J. J. Shrewsbury was here from Dallas Saturday.

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GOOD ROADS A TRIBUTE TO INTELLIGENCE.

"Let me see your roads and I'll tell you what kind of a community you have."

Good roads reflect intelligence. Good roads attract population just as a well beaten path is chosen by a horse rather than an unmarked trail. It is a case of being true to nature. Did you ever wonder why it is that in every pasture in this country, the cattle have made paths which they follow when they want to go somewhere? It means less effort on their part. Shall we not show as much intelligence or instinct, whatever it is, next Tuesday and make the paths, known as our public roads and highways, from factory to field, from farm to store and from home to school and church, considerably better by voting for the bonds.

For multi centuries, man packed his load of merchandise, meat, berries, roots and skins, on his back, the only mode of travel and freight traffic then known. It was slow, cumbersome and laborious to follow the crooked trail through the forest or across the plain. But finally, as the centuries went by, it dawned upon him to harness other forces, to lighten his burdens, so he made the sled, yoked up his oxen, and then it was that exchange of commerce began, leading finally to the wonderful transportation system now known thruout the civilized world.

But the "know-it-alls" shook their heads and said that it would break the tribe to widen out the trails and dig down the steep banks, although they admitted that the four footed domesticated animal could carry heavier loads and move more rapidly than the human burden bearer of the good old days.

And so time moved on and after many other centuries the cart came into use and then the wagon and buggy; then the train and electric car and finally the automobile.

The main battle all along has been the cost of roads for the new mode of travel. The roads had to be widened some more, the banks digged down and bridges constructed.

Despite protests, this has all come about.

Men have tamed the fleet footed steeds and they also tamed the wild wheat and the wild corn. Then they tamed other wild tribes and taught them to eat corn pone and flour bread. Commerce was encouraged and expanded, therefore, more roads more vehicles, and more time for improvement.

Every advancement of civilization has been a battle.

Instead of traveling twenty five to thirty miles per day, now from sun to sun, man travels several hundred miles per day, see more people, do more business and make more money in one day than our fathers did in a fortnight.

Next Tuesday will be Mexia's opportunity to join hands with the intelligent farmers of the surrounding neighborhoods and build for a better and a brighter day. Vote the bonds.

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EVIL WORDS OR HUMAN SEWERS

"Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Idle words are evil words rather than mere useless sentences. They are hurtful words, words carried by a tale bearer, distorted, magnified and sometimes false, until they are accepted with all the hurt they bring and all the enmity that they may arouse.

Men and women should be careful of the messages they carry on their lips just as they are of the diseases that they might carry in their clothing.

Before saying to someone. "Let me tell you what so and so said about you," the messenger should remember that words are immortalized. Every word uttered, whether it be good or evil, loud or soft, cheerful or sad, musical or discordant will be heard again on the great day, borne upon "the wing of the wind and the folding pages of the tempest." They will speed down the aisles of the ages, throughout creation and will be sounding along the corridors and echoing amid the columns and arches of eternity, and sound there forever, God and angels and you intelligently hearing them again and again.

In Salt Lake City, in this country, there is a Mormon Temple which attracts the footsteps of thousands annually. The patter of the feet is so loud in that magnificent structure that the doors are locked during an organ recital, so that no one will try to leave. To move to the door while the organ plays would fill the vast space with echoes and noises so great that the entire audience would be disturbed.

In St. Paul's Cathedral, it is declared there is a room so constructed that if you whisper upon one side of it, the voice is distinctly heard on the other. It is called the "Whispering Gallery."

The gossiper, the scandalmonger, the waggish, thoughtless human sewer which opens to carry foul words and villainous substances which the originator himself will not bear to their destination, should remember that they are standing in a great whispering gallery where every word and whisper are not only heard to heaven but probably to the other side of the universe. Oaths, curses, prayers are out beyond recall, and the winds this day may be reciting them to the angels. If by carrying the evil word, the idle message, you have made the widow moan and the orphan wail, that moan and that wail may be traveling still, and will probably come shrieking into your ears one the day of judgment.

The Hydra, the fabulous monster, which dwelt in the Lake of Lerna, which had a multitude of heads and tongues, spread terror through the land. It was assaulted many times, yet was unconquered, for as quickly as one head and one tongue was severed, another would immediately appear. Hercules finally killed it by applying firebrands to the wounded necks as he cut off the heads.

The gossiping hydra-tongued, malignant message bearer of today, is more fearful than the monster which Hercules branded. Its huge form bathes in every sea and its head protrudes on every shore.

"God shall bring every work into judgment."

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A FAIR AND SQUARE DEAL NEXT TUESDAY

The average citizen of consolidated road district number 4, in considering the pending issue of $1,571,000 to be voted on in said consolidated district next Tuesday is not so much interested in the details of the construction of the roads proposed but what he wants is good roads properly constructed, properly maintained and adequate to meet the needs of the community concerned. He is interested in knowing whether or not he is to get a dollar's worth of road for every dollar expended. He wants his investment so preserved that the roads will not be gone before the bonds have been paid. He is assured, in this instance, not only by the words of those who are behind the campaign but by the language of the issue that he is to vote upon that every community will be given the same fair, equal and square deal and the burden of the cost is to be placed upon those who benefit most from the roads. If Mexia citizens are to pay more for the good roads contemplated and exactly specified in the election ballot, they, in turn, are to receive a larger benefit than anyone else. Since, the passage of the bonds means lower taxes for road purposes from some of the neighboring boxes, it is unbelievable that any very great opposition may be found on Tuesday in such parts of the consolidated road district.

The main object in voting bonds for roads is to receive the full money's worth, and to develop a system such that the man who starts out for somewhere, he will know beforehand that he can get there. The issue to be voted on Tuesday will provide the entire district with a connected system and chain of good roads that will connect all with all, with a type of roads that can be depended upon in all seasons and conditions for many years to come.

The one seriously seeking information, if he but reads the issue as printed on the ballot, will have all his doubts and fears cleared away. The average citizen can be trusted to do the right thing, if he knows what it is and with the needed information right at his finger tips, he is certain to vote for better roads and insure against such conditions as might otherwise result in having to pay a big sum to be pulled out of a mud hole, to repair broken sprnig or to get a new axle.

A community that is financially able to pay its share of the construction or improvement of its roads and then fails to do it, is not fair with the surrounding neighborhoods. Mexia citizens go to the polls next Tuesday and vote the good roads bonds. Let's be fair with our neighbors.

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THE COST OF BAD ROADS

Good roads cost money. But bad roads cost more. The farmer with his wagon knows this. The business man with his truck knows this. The children who go to school in a conveyance know this. Everybody knows it.

Although autoists will derive the biggest benefit out of the system of better roads contemplated in the bond issue next Tuesday, it should be remembered that good roads are not primarily a luxury. They are not only essential to town building, but they are required in home building and in farm improvement. They are constructed not chiefly for convenience and pleasure but for profit and business which will be enjoyed by every property owner and citizen in the district concerned.

Expenditures, therefore, for them are to be placed in the same category with appropriations for police and fire and sanitary service in the city or for general governmental protection and preservation on the outside. Roads are even classed with schools as a public necessity. Vote the bonds next Tuesday.

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What doth it profit a man to travel on a good road between mud holes?

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

OUR RURAL SCHOOLS AND ROADS.

It is impossible to progress without change. Therefore, to fight change, on the ground that "what was good enough for my father is good enough for me" is but to say "there can be no progress towards anything better. What was, is best."

The schools our fathers attended were the best the times could produce. The schools we attended were better schools. Now, the 'little red school house," often little more than a hut with benches and a self-sacrificing teacher, who did her best with poor equipment, is giving way to the modern rural school, with good equipmennt, better educated teachers, and more ample curriculum. With the coming of better means of transportation, more children attend country schools, and for longer periods. As good roads are extended, school facilities must be extended to keep pace with the increased demand. Good roads everywhere, must mean good schools everywhere.

Few farmers fight the idea of better roads, even if they mean increased tax. But there are more who do fight increased school expenditures, with an increased school tax, either because "we haven't any children," or because "the old way is good enough."

There is no such thing as a school "good enough." The best schools we can produce are not "good enough." To admit that anything human is perfect is to claim that no progress can be made. As today's schools and methods make those of fifty, or a hundred years ago, seem pureile and inefficient, so will the schools of the future make those of today seem inadequate.

Fight for, not against the good road, over which children may go to school. Fight for, not against, an increased appropriation for teachers' salaries, for more and better books, for a longer school year.

The children of today are the America of tomorrow. If indeed, this great Nation is to roll forward in liberty, humanitarianism, and enlightenment, the childish hands which one day will hold the wheel must have the best opportunities to learn how to steer!—Belton Journal.

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Scholarship Assembly Divulges Honor Roll; Is Increasing

Scholarship is among the first items in the school and is considered a great honor by every boy and girl. There was a considerable increase in the number of students this period over the number of the honor students of the first period.

An assembly is held each period of six weeks for those on the honor roll. The students on this roll for the second period are: Joy Adams, 95 1-4; George Blitch, 90; Jone Brown, 91 3-4; Billie Hight, 91 1-4; Elizabeth Jones, 93; Frances Jones, 91 1-4; Trudie Mackey, 91 1-2; Marianna Murphy, 93; Virginia Rollins, 91 1-2; Jessie Mae Sherrer, 91 1-4; Margaret Smith, 95 3-4; Grace Stephens, 93 3-4; Pauline Stephnes, 91 1-4; Mary Porter Travis, 95; Ora Lee Wylie, 95 1-4; Benjamin Davis (deceased,) 93 1-2.

A deep silence fell over the audience as Mr. Andrews paid a splendid tribute to Benjamin Davis, deceased member of the honor group.

Talks of great interest were made by Mack Walters, Carlos Clover, Jessie Mae Sherrer, and Mary Porter Travis who attended the State High School Press Association at Baylor College, Belton, Texas last week. The convention was a great success for Mexia, as we were awarded second honor for having the best magazine of the fifty-six schools which were represented at the association. The school is proud of the "Black Cat;" and as Mr. Andrews says we do not wish to rest on our laurels already won, but work for more and bigger ones.

To the joy of every body the second publication of the "Black Cat" magazine was distributed at the close of the assembly. The "Black Cat" has been a success and is very enjoyable to every one who reads it.

Carlos Clover was elected as a members to the executive board of the association for the meeting in 1925, and the school is very proud of this for it shows the spirit of the "Black Cat" and of the school.

NEW ARRIVALS ARE ATTRACTED FIRST BY HEAVY TRAINS

WORTHAM, Dec. 12.—Operators arriving from Arkansas state that their attention was first drawn to the activity because of a trainload shipment of rigs out of Smackover.

The agent at Louann reports that 61 rigs left both Louann and Smackover within 4 days time the latter part of last week and the first of this. One local freight leaving Louann consisted entirely of drilling rigs.

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The first phase of interest in our gymnasium department is the "pep." No matter what kind of athletics we have, our gym girls are always behind it and boost it with all their enthusiasm. Their "pep" has helped to make this big exhibition which they are going to give to the public. The next important thing is for the citizens to show their "pep" and make their plans to be present for the event on the night of December 19th.

Good sportsmanship has been shown by all of the girls. They have practiced, and in other ways worked for the past two weeks to make a success of the "Big Show." Miss Scheel says that the sportsmanship of the Mexia High School girls excels all she has ever seen. Good sportsmen are in demand today. They are the people who count most when anything is to be done. The High School girls are staging this exhibition determined to "put it over," and with a little outside assistance it can be accomplished in a manner that will make every body proud of the school.

The third phase of interest is the compact, combined force that has been placed behind this exhibition. Each girl has been placed to the advantage of the whole exhibit, and not for the pleasure of any individual. Each girl has done what was asked of her with a smile. Not only the Physical Education Department, but the whole school helps to boost our exhibition.

There are not many schools the size of Mexia with as good equipment to work with that Mexia has, and we want a chance to show the public what we are doing with it.

We, the gym girls, also want the public to see what successful training we are having under the able instruction of Miss Scheel.

Tex. University Has Collection Of War Records

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 13.—The University of Texas now has one of the biggest war records collections in the United States due to the efforts of Dr. Milton R. Gutsch, associate professor of English history. All the original records of the food administration bureaus in Texas during the war, the records of the county and state councils of defense, records of the liberty loan and war savings stamps campaigns, and of the war relief campaigns conducted by the Red Cross, the Jewish organizations, the Y. M. C. A. the Salvation Army and the Near Eastern relief are included in the collection.

Records of the School of Military Areonautics, the Radio School and the School of Auto Mechanics, which were conducted in Austin during the war, are also found in the collection.

Brief records of every Texan who was in any branch of the army or navy of the United States during the war are included in collection. These records show when the man was inducted into the service, where he served and whether he suffered injury or death in the service.

Many local newspapers published during the war preserved in this collection. About two thousand pieces of war posters are in the collection. Many volumes of war propaganda of all nations involved in the war are also included.

This collection, which was made up largely through the efforts of Dr. Gutsch, was started in 1918 and is now practically complete. The collection is kept in the Library Building.

The various churches of the city extend cordial invitations to all new arrivals in the district to attend services at the churches here Sunday. The pastors join in this urgent invitation.

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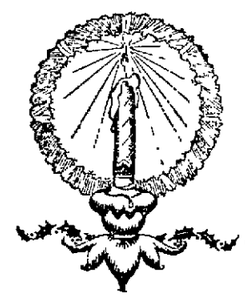

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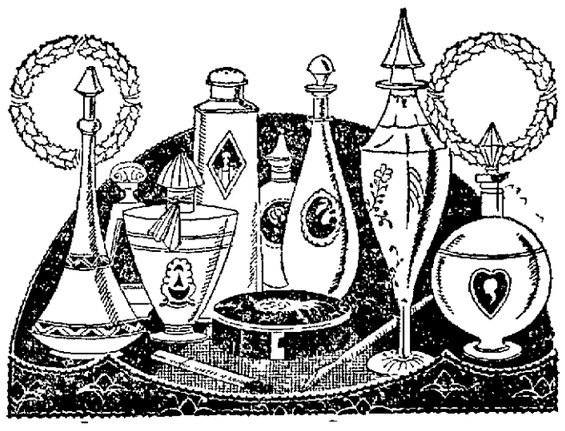

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Major Companies Lead Activity In Wortham District

WORTHAM, Dec. 13.—The deputy supervisor, John R. Locke, for this district of the Oil & Gas Division of the Texas Railroad Commission announced today that the total number of permits issued and granted to date for the drilling of wells in the Wortham fields, totals 160. There are about 15 requests for special permits which will be heard by Judge H. E. Bell, head of the Oil and Gas Division, before leaving this week end for Austin.

While many individual operators and companies hold permits, the majority are held by major companies as follows: Humble Oil & Refining 35; Boyd Oil 36; J. K. and Mrs. Annie Hughes 12; Pure Oil 4; Kirby Petroleum 11; Simms & Marland jointly 25.

After receipt of these figures, 4 requests came in from Boyd Oil for two locations on the H. F. Ferguson farm, one on the N. B. Boyd, and one on the J. P. Lindley. These tracts all lie between the two Boyd producers.

The Kirby-Bounds well, just joining the list of producers as the third well of this new field, drilled to the pay in 8 actual drilling days. In one 24 hour period, 800 feet was made by the two shifts. The oil produced by this new gusher, tests 70 degrees Fahr. and is 39.2 specific gravity.

By way of preparation for the adequate storage of the crude this field is due to produce, 3,000,000 barrels of new storage is being built and the 55,000 barrel tanks added to the farms located in this section. There is a total of 25,000,000 barrels of storage in Limestone County and Freestone (Mexia and Wortham) alone while Corsicana has another 9,000,000 barrels. The pipe line companies are now busy moving a considerable portion of the crude in storage within the Corsicana, Mexia and Wortham district, to make room for heavy flush production.

In order to handle the increased traffic of incoming freight consisting of rigs, rig patterns, building material and provisions, the H. & T. C. is now using 12 switch engines to dispose of this new business. Shipments of crude via tank cars is expected to resume at several loading racks long since unused.

Reports of the two wells which started the greatest activity ever indulged in, within the space of two short weeks at Wortham, Texas, has spread through out the United States and faces of people who made the various Oklahoma booms, Ranger, Fort Worth, Breckenridge, Wichita Falls, and Arkansas, are now seen on the streets of Mexia, Corsicana and Wortham. It is estimated that Wortham is filled with close to 10,000 people. The Humble and the Gulf have relieved the situation by the construction of camps for their field help but people and traffic is coming in in hordes, Mexia and Corsicana are rapidly becoming as active as during their boom days. The hustle and bustle on all sides is a great contrast to what has been the case for several months past in the oil industry. People have been waiting for just such an opportunity as this, and the result in the shape of a world's record for activity within a two weeks period, has been the spending and assumption of obligations which would total easily $5,000,000.00.

People are standing in line at meal hours, and the Commercial Hotel has turned over its dining room to an experienced oil boom caterer. He hails from Nowata, Oklahoma, Mr. G. B. McDonald is the proprietor and following experience that those who made Ranger and Breckenridge are familiar with, he is feeding 450 people per hour by placing the food on the table and allowing every one to help themselves, family style. While there are but three meals served, it is necessary in order to handle the people who have to stand in line waiting their turn at the table, to work up their dinner, during the night proceeding. He is using a day and night crew.

If there is any thing to American democracy, it can be seen in its full expression at meal time with the big operators and business people seated alongside and passing grub to roughnecks, drillers and teamsters.

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DISTRICT COURT DOCKET.

Fifth Assignment—Monday, Third Week, December 15th.

4219 F. L. Peyton et al vs. John Dancy et al (jury).
4223 Groesbeck Abstract Co. vs. J. D. White et al.
5243 T. W. Whaley vs. Homer old.
4249 Alton Baker et al vs. J. D. Baker et al.
4253 Farmers State Bank, Mexia vs. A. L. Beason et al.
4255 Bradford Supply Co. vs. D. S. Hoad et al.
4257 O. F. Pitts vs. Guy Wade.
4258 First Nat'l Bank, Kosse vs. P. C. Cruze.
4260 A. L. Hodge vs. H. H. Tucker et al.
4262 Thos. H. Flynn vs. W. Morley et al.
4274 E. L. Dalton vs. City of Mexia.
4278 J. N. Groesbeck vs Bradford Supply Co.

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[By United Press]

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New York, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Detroit are having similar experiences, Bundensen said.

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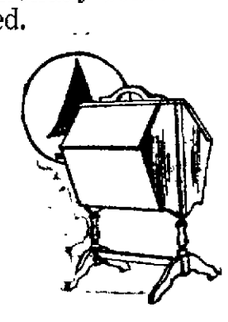

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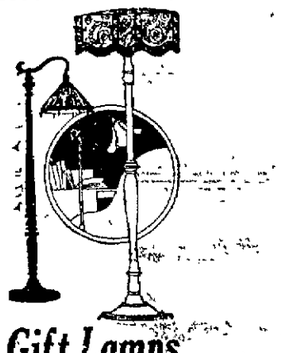

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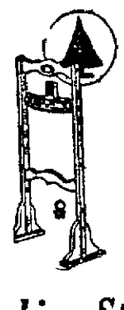

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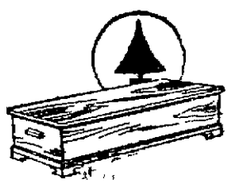

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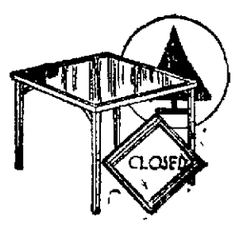

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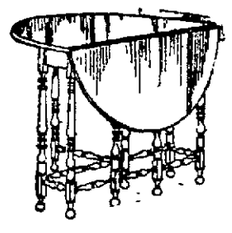

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By HAMPTON STEELE.
The eldest son of the last survivor of the battle of San Jacinto.

"About 90 years ago, a little band of people wended their way through the forests and jungles of Texas until they landed at what is now known as Ft. Parker situated about three miles northeast from Groesbeck. There they stopped and built cabins and a stockade to protect them from the Indians. This was sometime in the year 1835. The following spring they broke land and planted corn to supply their wants.

"Things were moving along nicely and they were happy and contented in their new home. But on the 19th day of May, 1836, a beautiful spring day, the sun was shining bright, the flowers were in bloom, the birds were flitting from three to tree singing their songs, the buffaloes were browsing around some lone trees on the vast expanse of the prairie, the wild deer were skipping from glade to glade and all nature was smiling. The children were playing around their mother's feet and every one seemed to be happy. Perhaps the mother would look into the face of her child and think of the Indians and her cheek would blanch. There would be a little heartache and a silent prayer that the Indians would pass them by. Little did they think that before the sun went down on that day, the tragedy of their lives would be played. There was a dark line coming from the west toward the fort. They were moving slowly in single file, with their war paint on. They stopped about 300 yards from the Fort and were apparently holding a council. All the men from the fort were away at work with the exception of old man Parker. He decided to go down and see what the Indians wanted. He went down and it was but a few moments until they had killed and scalped him. Then they made for the fort. The women and children sought safety in flight. Many of them were killed and many captured. Among the number captured were Mrs. Plummer, her boy about 8 years old and Mrs. Parker and two children, a boy and a girl was known as Cynthia Ann, who was recaptured by Sul Ross years afterwards in a fight with the Indians on Pease river. These were the first white settlers in this county. They were all broken up and what they had built and planted was destroyed by the Indians.

"I daresay that if the question was asked the present generation not one could tell who were the next settlers who came to this county. I was one of them, and I will attempt to tell about them. Reader, if you had been a spectator about 81 years ago you would have seen a wagon one morning about 100 miles southeast of here. This was in November 1841. That wagon was not one of the striped bed and yellow wheel type, but was one of the pioneer wagons which the people used in that day. This type of wagon has passed out of use.

"That morning you would have observed a man, small in stature standing beside that wagon. You would have also seen a blue eyed woman and three little boys, the eldest about 5 years of age the next about 3 and the youngest about 1. They seemed to be loading the wagon to make a journey. There was no furniture to load into that wagon such as bedsteads, dressers and the like. The bedstead in that cabin was a fixture to the house. It was one of the Old Texas bedsteads made with one post and two poles which were joined together by means of an auger hole and to the wall by means of two other holes. Chairs consisted of a block of wood, smooth on one side and supported by three legs and known as the old Texas stool which we used for chairs. So there was no furniture to go in that wagon with the possible exception of a very crude piece of furniture, a cradle which was made for the writer. I wish I had that cradle to show to the present generation.

"At last everything was loaded into the wagon and the oxen were brought up. The mother and the three little boys climbed into the wagon and the start was made toward the north, pioneers blazing the way for civilization. The writer was only 5 years of age at this time and does not remember a great deal of what happened on the journey with the exception of one thing, which made a lasting impression on his mind. We had probably been on the road two or three days when I got tired of riding and would get out and throw rocks at the birds. One evening I was walking and had gotten about 50 yards behind the wagon. It was nearly camping time and we had just come down a long slanting hill. I looked up and saw two people on top of the hill. My father yelled at me to look at the Indians. One took backward and I made for the wagon yelling. I heard my father say afterwards that he didn't know at that they were Indians at the time. It developed later that it was two negroes who were looking for some stray hogs. Next morning everything was all right and we moved on. We came up the east side of the Navasota river until we struck the old San Antonio road when we crossed over to the west side of the river at what was then called old Franklin. Father said there was a man living at the crossing then by the name of Franklin who had a mill for grinding corn. Father traded him some yearlings for some corn which he had to return for after we had settled. The distance back was about 50 miles, a pretty good step to mill. But the meal did us for a long time. The greatest obstacle which confronted the early settlers was getting meal and salt. We had plenty of meat, for on the prairie there were plenty of deer and buffaloes and in the woods there were wild turkey and other kinds of game. We settled just across Frost Creek or rather in the fork between Frost creek and Rockey creek. I think the place is now known as the Burrow place.

Now as to the other settlers, father and mother said there were just 13 families here at this time. Among the number were: L. A. Stroud who first settled at Burnoak springs on the Navasota river not far from Rocky crossing; Elisha Anglin, who first settled on the spring branch about 2 miles from where Groesbeck is now located; Moses Anglin settled out on the hill just north of Groesbeck; John Anglin settled near the place where the brickyard at Groesbeck now is; Abe Anglin settled one mile southeast of Groesbeck in 1844, the old house is still standing; William Burns settled across Frost creek to the south of Groesbeck about a half mile above where the railroad crosses the creek; Forest Phifer settled down across Rocky creek at a point now known as Forest chapel; Samuel Nelson settled on the south side of Frost Creek, the old place has been torn down for many years, it is now known as the Stockton place. There is a graveyard here where Nelson's first and second wife and 2 children are buried; Silas Bates built a cabin near where the old Bates spring is; John D. Smith settled at what later was known as Smith's point about one mile northwest of old Louisville. Smith died there in 1847 and his wife about a year later. The four orphan daugters were carried to Louisiana by their Uncle John Nelson to make their home. When they reached young womanhood they came back to their childhood home and I married the youngest of the sisters.

A man by the name of Baker settled on the east end of Horn Hill. He was the farthest out of the settlement at that time. The place is now known as the old Bennett place. This completes the settlers who were here that year. The next year more people came, The Falkenberry's Clinton Owens who settled at old Springfield. J. R. Henry came about January 1846 and Hesahia Jackson, the grandfather of W. J. Jackson settled on the head of Wagon Wheel branch about the first of July 1846 and the Pendergasts settled at old springfield. Mich Roberts, A. P. Smith and J. R. Henry all settled at old Springfield, J. R. Henry was the first merchant to begin business at that place, this being the year 1846. This same year the county was organized. Moses Anglin was county Judge, Clinton Owens, county clerk and a man by the name of Whitaker, sheriff. Everything was moving nicely.

"Then the Texas star, brightest of the west, was added to the Union which brought about war with Mexico. There were not many people here at that time. It being on the frontier we were subjected to the raids of Indians at anytime. But notwithstanding this many of the young men volunteered and went to Mexico. Those whom I remembered to have gone were: Eli Davis, John Davis, H. P. Banks, L. L. Godfrey, William Burns, Abe Anglin and a man named Hicks. They all went through the war and returned safely. They are all dead now. Godfrey came to Texas with W. J. Biggs.

"I shall now try to give you some sketches along other lines. You know, that there are certain things that happen in a boy's life which make an impression on him that he never forgets. The next spring after we moved here there was a large herd of buffaloes came down Frost creek on the south side of the creek. They had gotten about opposite where the town of Groesbeck now stands about a mile above where we lived when my father discovered them. He and Uncle Marion Powell and H. P. Banks got after them and the fun began. My father had a good Spanish horse at that time so he took his rope with him and the other two men had the dogs and the guns. Father succeeded in roping one and they had a time. He finally landed him down near the house. Mr. Powell and Mr. Banks crippled one with the gun. The dogs took after it and it made for our cabin. Around and around the house it went. Now, friends, you can guess where those three little boys were when all this fun was going on, right up in the middle of the bed with the door shut. I can see that buffalo going around the house as plain as if it were yesterday. The fun ended when they succeeded in killing the buffalo.

The one father had roped was tied to a tree and they killed him too. This gave us plenty of meat for a while.

"In the spring of 1846 there was an old man by the name of Ward came along and wanted to teach school, so the people, what few there were, employed him. He taught school in a little cedar log house close to the old Bates springs. I went to that school, the first school that was taught in the county. All the children who went to that school with me are dead. Out of the fourteen families who were here in 1844 brother Rado and I are the only ones living in the county.

"The little boys and girls who were born under the Lone Star and who went with their parents to the frontier to blaze the way for civilization that we now enjoy are all old now. They did their part. As for myself, I grew to mandhood here and in accordance with the injunction of God to go forth and multiply and replenish the earth, I married and have reared 17 children in Limestone county. Fourteen of these are still living. I have 53 grandchildren, 50 great grand children and 3 great great grandchildren. My children are scattered over Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. There has been no race suicide in my family of 120 living souls. I have tried to be a good citizen. I helped to build good roads and schoolhouses and always paid my taxes as long as I had any property to pay on.

"The sad part of life comes in old age when we have become crippled and have to live on the charities of our children. It seems to me that as much as the pioneers have done for Texas that the great State might scatter a few flowers along the path of those needy old people. Oh, civilization, civilization, where art thou? Does the survival of the fittest still prevail?"

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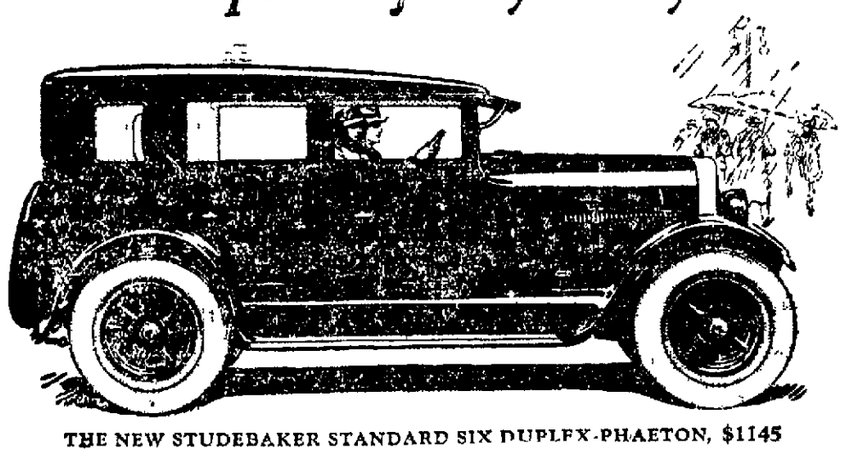

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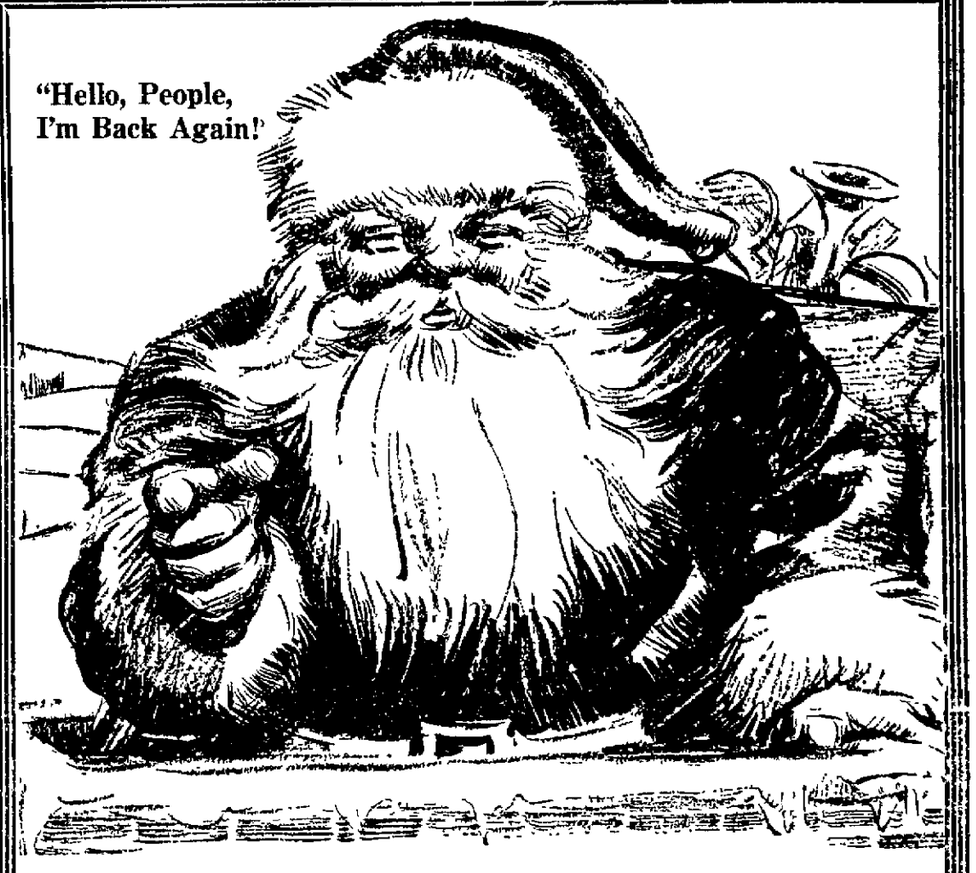

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Potash Discovery In Texas Features Geological Work

By BASCOM N. TIMMONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Discoveries of what are believed to be commercial deposits of potash in Texas was one of the outsanding accomplishments of the geological survey in 1924, Director George Otis Smith, declared in his annual report sent to congress today.

Centers in Southwest

"Investigation to discover deposits of potash has centered largely in southwestern Texas," Director Smith said. "Here the discovery of potash in well after well, the definite recognition of potash-bearing mineral, the presence of potash of commercial grade, and the prospects of finding commercial deposits of potash similar to those in Germany and Alsace are all encouraging. In this work the survey maintains cooperation with drillers and with oil companies operating in the region. Samples are collected and studied in the field and sent to Washington for analysis."

The cost of core drilling for potash has been closely studied at the request of Senator Sheppard, Director Smith said. Many geological studies were made in Texas during the year, the report said. They included work on the salt dome cap rocks; the microfauna of the Mississippian formations of San Saba county, which includes a study of the age and correlation of the Ellenburger and Mississippian contact and many fossil examinations.

Study Texas Collections

The Aldrich collection of Texas fossils at Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, was studied. Upper cretaceous formations of Texas, between Austin and the Rio Grande, came in for extensive study.

Topographic maps of a total of 80,321 square miles in Texas have been completed, the report said.

A report on ground water in the coastal plain of Texas southwest of Brazos river was completed by the survey and is to be published as a water supply paper.

"In the nation during the year 21,000 square miles were covered by topographic surveys, all of them surveys of great economic usefulness but the value of which, sad to relate, the major portion of the public is profoundly ignorant," Director Smith said.

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Radical Views On Marriage Proposed To Be Made Law

[By United Press]

OHAKA, Neb., Dec. 12.—In the face of a storm of protest, Dr. A. S. Pinto, City Health Commissioner held firmly to his theory that childless marriages should be made null and void after two years.

Among those who declare opposition to the commissioner's stand was his wife, an Omaha club woman.

Dr. Pinto asserted that if something is not done to increase the native stock, the lower European races will soon control the United States. He advocated a law taking married women out of industry and providing for annulment of marriages where there is no issue in two years, "so that either party can try again."

Mrs. Pinto pointed out to her husband that if his law had been in effect when they were married they would have been divorced many years ago. Their first child came more than two years after marriage.

Dr. Pinto advocated the adoption of the two years' marriage clause.

Marx Expected To Resign Next Week Sometime

[By United Press]

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—With the resignation of Chancellor Marx expected next week, President Ebert now is under fire of fascisti and nationalists who are seeking to discredit him and force him from office. A scene in a case unparalleled in German history took place at the President's palace where Ebert confronted a witness in a libel suit brought against an editor, Herr Rothard at Magieburg. Rothard called Ebert a traitor The President was not required to testify because of his office. but feeling that the affair was a fascisti plot, he offered to confront the editor's chief witness.

Wife Buried; Husband Sought

[By United Press]

FORT WORTH, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Henry Thompson, 19, found shot to death at Watauga, near here, was buried today while her youthful husband was being returned from El Paso on a warrant charging he slew her.

Thompson protests his innocence but will be asked to explain his hasty departure from Fort Worth Monday, the day his wife disappeared, police said. Thompson, in custody of two officers, will arrive tomorrow.

Max Walz, formerly in the oil business here, was down from Wortham today loking over our improved city.

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Texas Poultry Barred In N. Y.

[By United Press]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Western chickens are barred from New York markets today because of alarm at the pestilential disease found among fowls from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. Embargoes against these states is placed until normal conditions are restored. Twenty five per cent were stricken by the disease, officials said.

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Will Auction Off Valuable Oil Lands

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. — An auction sale of oil leases on 25,000 acres of Osage Indian reservation in Oklahoma will be held at Pawhuska December 18, Secretary Works announced. Six 160 acre tracts will be offered adjoining the Burbank oil field, one of the richest in the world. Burbank wells are believed to be draining the unleased lands.

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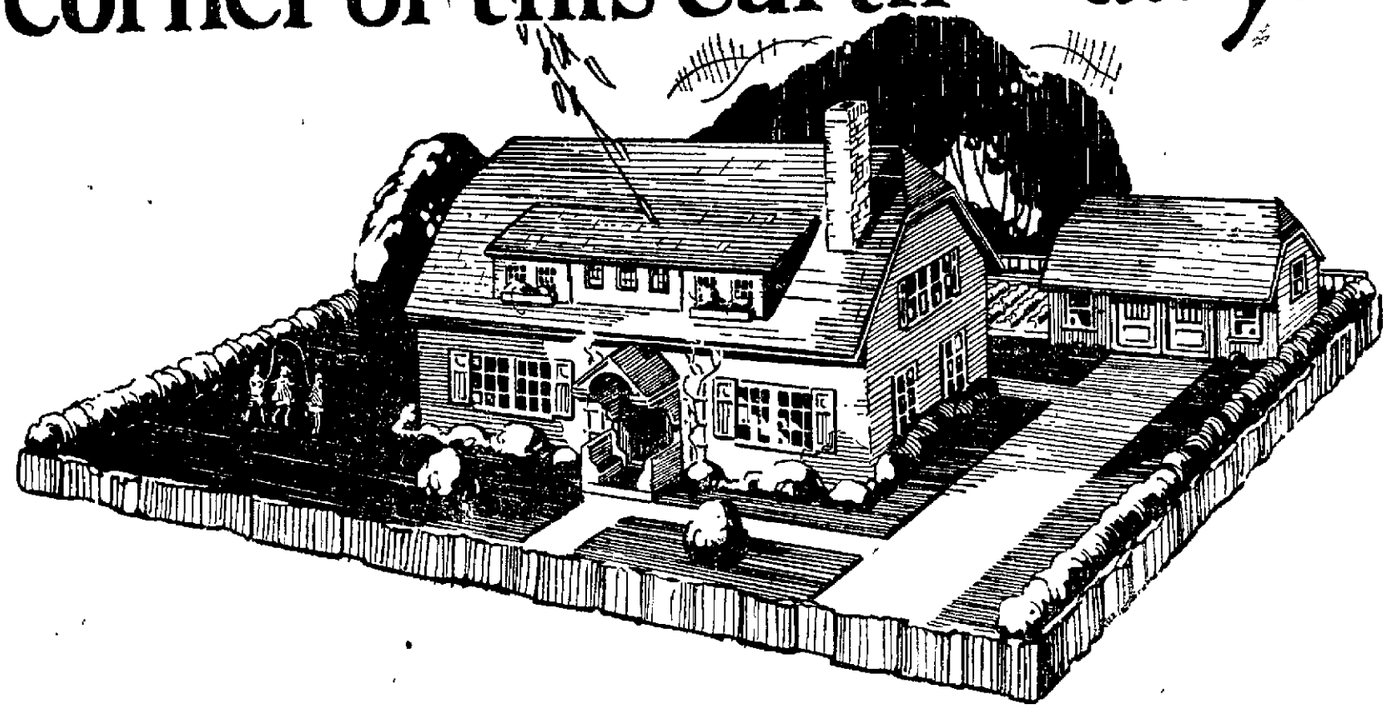

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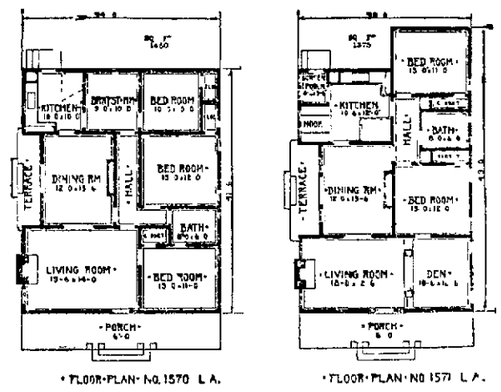

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Junior College Championship To Be Decided Next Tuesday at Stephensville, Wesley - John Tarlton

Coach "Dough" Rollin's Wesley College Panthers out and slashed their way through the powerful Westminster Wildcats for 28 points in the semi-finals for Junior College championship at Greenville Tuesday afternoon, the proteges of Coach Chas. Lewis were able to cross the Panther's goal line only one time, scoring 6 points in the last five minutes of play. The final score being 28 to 6.

WESLEY SCORES EARLY.

Allday, the star backfield man who scored the winning touchdown after a sensational 22 yard run in the opening game in Mexia Sept. 27th, started the Wesley College boys off again by plunging over for a touchdown after the first few minutes of play; Boyd's toe added another point. Taking the ball on their own 12 yard line Rollin's men reeled off six first downs in succession near the end of the first quarter. After Wesley had advanced to Westminster's eleven yard line, the Tehuacana boys rallied and held for downs but lost the ball a few moments later when Boyd intercepted Hobb's pass on Westminsters 29 yard line. A few moments later the husky Wesley fullback plunged over for the second touchdown and added another point with a place kick making the score 14 to 0 at the end of the first half.

Again in the third quarter the Panthers marched determinedly toward the Westminster goal only to be stopped on the ten yard line by being held for downs. Again Boyd intercepted Hobbs forward pass, this time on the 20 yard line. On the next play Kariff got loose around left end for the third Panther touchdown. Boyd kicked goal for third consecutive time.

Cunningham made the fourth touch down almost single handed early in the final period when he skirted the wings for gains of fifteen and fourteen yards and then dived over for a touchdown. Boyd again made good the goal.

WESTMINSTER RALLIES.

With five minutes to go and facing a 28 point lead the Westminster Wildcats took on new life and made a determined last effort for the [illegible]. Led by Hobbs the Wildcats made four consecutive first downs stopping only after the latter had plunged over for the only score of the hilltoppers. The try for extra point fell short. Encouraged by their success they again drove down the field to Wesley's seven yard line where the final whistle stopped them.

Boyd was the outstanding star for the next state champions, while Hobbs and Battle were the outstanding stars on the Wildcat squad. Hobbs showed wonderful ability in both punting and passing, but the inability of his teammates to catch his tosses caused his good work to be of little value.

WESLEY-JOHN TARLTON.

The John Tarlton and Wesley football aggregations will play the finals for Junior T. I. A. A. championship at Stephenville next Tuesday afternoon according to an announcement made Tuesday night after a conference between the athletic authorities of the two schools.

Coach Wisdom of the John Tarlton Plowboys won the toss of a coin for the location of the game, and stipulated a guarantee.

President Coolidge To Follow Regular Policy On Trips

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Coolidge will follow a geographical policy with respect to accepting invitations to visit cities away from the capital during his administration.

If he can avoid it, no city except perhaps will see him more than once during the next four years.

Mr. Coolidge turned down an invitation of the National Republican Club of New York to speak at their annual Lincoln Day Dinner, which he addressed last year, on the single ground that he had spoken in New York twice.

Western invitations will probably receive more attention than others because Mr. Coolidge thinks the East sees a great deal more of the chief executive than the west in the ordinary course of things.

X-All Highway Is Being Well Kept During Big Rush

Through the daily attention of an efficient crew of men under Commissioner John Kennedy of this precinst, the X-All highway thru the new Mexia-Wortham oil field is being kept in such splendid condition that it is a matter of favorably comment many times daily. The road, under dry weather conditions, is holding up fine. With the men working on it daily, it is to be kept in such shape as to facilitate and lessen the expense of operations in the new district. The Chamber of Commerce of Mexia is glad to co-operate with Commissioner Kennedy in the road maintenance. The Good Roads Bond Issue called for December 16, contemplates the paving of the highway from Mexia to the county line, right up in front of the Humble Company's field headquarters, where hundreds of employes are to reside.

FAMOUS FRENCH RESIPES

[International News Service]
Egg-Plant Mourier.

PAIRS, Dec. 12.—For Egg-Plant Mourier peel two egg-plants, cut into thin slices, salt and pepper and brown in butter.

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Forgetfulness Is Defense Of Former Pastor

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 12.—Lawrence M. Hight, former circuit [illegible] is fighting for his life behind a defense of defective memory.

"I don't remember a thing," Hight testified on the stand when asked about his signed confession to the murder of Wilford Sweetin, husband of Mrs. Effie Sweetin, co-defendant with the pastor. The State charges the two poisoned Sweetin in a love plot.

The defense is making a bitter fight to prevent Hight's confession from being entered into the record. The confession also admits the murder of the pastor's wife.

Hight was placed on the stand late Wednesday, with the jury out, as the defense's "ace" witness against admitting the confession. Frank Thompson, special prosecutor, shot question after question at him, and the general answer was:

"I don't know," or "I don't remember."

Previously Thompson had presented several of the Methodist ministers to whom Hight made the confession. The ministers testified that the confession was made without any promises to Hight or without threats.

Hight said it was all a dream and that he did not know what he was doing during the time the confession was made.

Want Charges of Fraud In Indian Affairs Probed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Charles H. Burke, Commissioner of the bureau of Indian Affairs, has written representative Snider, chairman of the house committee on Indian affairs, demanding a congressional investigation of recent charges of maladministration in the bureau.

The action was in response to an affidavit filed in the house by representative Howard, Oklahoma, charging the Indian bureau with mishandling of Indian funds.

"I ask the one purporting to be the author of the charges filed and the witnesses he named, be immediately called before the committee," Burke wrote.

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Reforms Asked On Reclamation Proj'ts

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The federal government should not make contracts with water users on reclamation projects which the users cannot meet but when proper contracts are made they should be enforced, Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, said in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior today.

"Continued deferments or modifications of agreements will certainly lead to the belief that they are mere scraps of paper," said Mead. "Hereafter they should be regarded as binding obligations which must be faithfully observed."

The magnitude of reclamation projects in this country according to Mead, is shown in the statement that the Reclamation Bureau irrigated 1,213,700 acres of land during the agricultural year of 1923, of which 1,170,871 acres were cropped. The crop value totaled $65,000,000, or about $55 an acre, compared with a gross value of $50,000,000, or about $43 an acre in the preceding year.

Including the land furnished in whole or in part with water from the works of the Bureau, under the Warren act, the gross value of crops produced in 1923 amounted to more than $102,000,000 as compared with $88,000,000 in 1922.

OPERATES 100 DAMS.

The irrigation works operated by the bureau included 100 storage and diversion dams, more than 15,000 miles of canals, ditches, and drains; 650 miles of pipe line, 118 miles of flume, and thousands of structures incident to the carriage and distribution of water.

During the year, the Bureau continued the extension of irrigation projects, including the construction of 600 miles of canals, ditches and drains; 9,500 canal structures, 100 bridges, 750,000 linear feet of pipe; and 35,000 linear feet of flume, and excavated 18,000,000 cubic yards of earth and rock, the total excavation at the end of the year amounting to nearly 275,000,000 cubic yards.

Mead called attention to the need of enacting the recommendations of the Special Advisory Committee which studied the reclamation problem last year, into law. He declared that a change is taking place in the conception of what is needed to make national reclamation by irrigation a social and economic success.

The outstanding features of the committee's recommendations which are embodied in a bill pending in Congress are:

1. The annual payments on construction charges will be based on the average annual gross crop return; now they are based on a percentage of the project cost, fixed without relation to the productivity of the land.

2. Where lack of soil fertility, scarcity of water, or other adequate cause, renders settlers unable to pay project costs, the Secretary may make such investigation as will disclose the pertinent facts and report them to Congress with recommendations, looking to a correction of the fault. The present law calls for repayment of project costs in full, regardless of the value of the water made available for irrigation.

3. Operation and maintenance charges will be paid in advance, thus bringing Government practice in harmony with that of privately-owned works. Such charges are now, for the most part, paid after the service is rendered.

4. The cost of the Washington office, including expenses of general investigations similar to the one undertaken by the committee, will be charged to the reclamation fund, but not to the water users as at present.

All these charges will be helpful, Meade said, in the operation of existing projects, the amended reclamation act will not provide a working plan for the development of new projects. The reason for this is the fact that many of the best opportunities for future reclamation are where the land is now privately owned.

Post Wheeler May Be Envoy to Britain

Post Wheeler, for years Counselor of the American Legation in London, is being mentioned in diplomatic circles as the next American Ambassador to the Court of St. James. It is reported that Ambassador Frank B. Kellogg is anxious to retire.

City Manager Plan To Be Subject Discussed At Port Arthur By Professor In Baylor University

WACO, Texas, Dec. 13.—Charles D. Johnson, Ph. D., head of the schcool of commerce and business administration in Baylor University and organizer of the first course in city management to be offered in any Texas college or university, has accepted an invitation of Port Arthur civic and commercial organizations to speak there December 17 on "The City Manager Plan." Dr. Johnson, who received his Ph. D. degree at University of Iowa, and who studied municipal problems there and at Johns-Hopkins University, Baltimore, is this year offering the first course in City Management ever taught in a Texas educational institution.

In Port Arthur, Dr. Johnson will deliver several lectures to various local civic organizations on the scientific method of handling a city's finances and other administrative affairs.

"If the city manager plan, which is the most scientific and economical form of municipal administration, were adopted in every Texas city with a population of 5,000 or more, it would mean a saving of millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money annually," Dr. Johnson says. The City Manager plan is now in operation in about 25 Texas cities.

"Galveston, Texas, was the first city in the world to adopt the city manager form of government," says this noted Baylor professor. "Dayton, Ohio, was one of the first cities of the north to adopt the plan. It is noteworthy that in both cities, this form of government was adopted to take care of emergencies which confronted each city, after they had been devastated by floods. These emergencies called for a scientific, business-like administration of the cities' affairs. If then, this form of government can survive the strain of an emergency, why should it not prove satisfactory under ordinary conditions? A city should not wait for an emergency, but should provide a business-like system of government to best solve the everyday problems of a city's administrative affairs."

SUPERVISORS RETURN TO AUSTIN OFFICES

Judge H. E. Bell, chief supervisor of the oil and gas division of the Texas Railroad Commission and Laten Stanberry, assistant chief, were to return to Austin last night, will remain in the office there, handling special permit applications. The duties involved in the new field have required many days time here. In the office duties, they had the assistance of Miss Rose Modrell, secretary, who also returns to the Capital City.

54,073 Bales Of Cotton Ginned In This County

There were 54,073 bales of cotton ginned in Limestone county, from the crop of 1924 prior to December 1st, 1924, as compared with 48,759 bales ginned to same date last year, according to the report sent in by Tom L. Cox, Census representative in this county. The crop is just about all in but will likely run to 55,000 bales.

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Many From West Texas Coming To Mexia to Make This Home; Petty Says "Mexia Is on the Map"

George Petty, president of the Mexia Chamber of Commerce, during the big busy boom days of 1921 and 1922, yet one of the live loyal boosters of this city, has returned from a trip to the Lubbock country of West Texas. He was impressed with the flourishing prosperity of that section, touring the section for a hundred miles or more around the site of the West Texas Tech. Last Tuesday, while he was near Amarillo, the snow storm hit the section, enveloping the great grain fields under a coat of white, which are expected to burst out into a rich harvest next year. He found that Mexia is on the Map in West Texas. Wherever he went, he met scores of people who were always anxious to learn all they could about this live community. Many of them sought information, as they planned to come here to make this their homes. They were pleased to hear reaffirmed that Mexia has a splendid school system, magnificent churches and many miles of paved streets. The knowledge that on the 16th. the citizens of this consolidated road district 4 is likely to take steps to secure a complete network of better roads and highways, will be a further inducement to new comers, he states. The West Texans are coming here by auto and by trains. Hundreds are headed now for Mexia, the best known city of its size in the southwest and the livest place in the State. "Although West Texas is great, Mexia and this section are better," according to his opinion. No citizen goes a visiting but that he comes back with more pride in this community is the way every visitor has summed up the situation after a visit for a few days or many months to other parts.

While in Littlefield, Mr. Petty visited with Gus Shaw and the Street boys, well known in Mexia, who are conducting the Lamb Co. Mercantile Company. Mr. Shaw was with Nussbaum several years ago. His firm has enjoyed a thriving business this past year and the town is growing rapidly.

IMPROVEMENTS AT HURDLESTON HOTEL

W. E. LaFon, manager of the Hudleston Hotel states that an up-to-date telephone exchange is now being installed in the Hurdleston, and by the end of next week each room will be equipped with a telephone. The dining room is also being greatly improved in preparation for the opening within the next few weeks under the hotel management. The counter will be removed and tables will take its place, nothing but the best will be served in the new modern dining room.

COOPERATION IN VERSE.

Even a Robert E. Lee cannot win a battle without the complte cooperation and understanding of his generals and his army. Mexia and the surrounding communities cannot develop as they should without cooperation, which is expressed in the following verse:

You have a dollar,
I have a dollar.
We swap.
Now you have my dollar.
And I have your dollar.
We are no better off.
I build a good road.
You build a good road.
We swap.
Now you have two good roads,
And I have two good roads.
Both are richer.
What you gave you have.
What I gave you, I kept.
This is the Cooperation needed next Tuesday.
Vote the bonds.

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Opera House Bldg., (second floor) Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

Testimonial meetings is on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Reading Room, same building, open from 12:30 to 4 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and visit the reading room.

Mrs. R. L. Caughs, who has been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Andrews, left Saturday for her home in Cleburne.

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Lion And Rotary Clubs to Meet at Methodist Church

Next Tuesday December 16th the Lions club will have as guest the Mexia Rotary Club, at the Methodist Church, where they will be served by the ladies of the church. An excellent program has been arranged and all members of both clubs are urged to make arrangements to attend this important meeting.

TWO CARS STOLEN AT WORTHAM

Evidently the car theives stay shy of Mexia, as only one automobile has been reported stolen since the beginning of the boom period. A Ford touring car was stolen last week and was recovered the next morning before it was carried out of the city.

On Thursday night a Ford touring car belonging to a Tehuacana man was stolen at Groesbeck. Thursday night a Ford touring car belonging to W. J. Howard of Mexia was stolen at Wortham.

Every effort is being put forth by the local Police Department to keep undesirable characters out of this city, and so far have been very successful. The city jail remains empty and with the exception of an occasional drunk or petty theft, all is quiet in police circles here.

Old Limestone Citizen Died

J. D. Rambo, for many years a resident of the Prairie Grove community, died at Oakwoods Friday afternoon, where he has been living for several years with his son. The body was brought back to Limestone county for burial and the funeral occurred Saturday afternoon with interment in the cemetery at Lost Prairie, near Personville.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

The pastor and congregation extend a most cordial invitation to all strangers in the city to worship at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. The splendid choir directed by Mr. Denning, with Mrs. Aikin at the pipe organ render excellent music.

Rev. J. B. Berry will preach at the morning hour and at 7 p. m., the pastor, Rev. W. B. Andrews will preach on "Is Religion Profitable?"

Sunday School meets at 9:45 a. m., J. Sandford Smith, Superintendent.

The Junior and Intermediate League meet at 3 and 4 p. m.

The Boy Scouts are now directed by R. D. Morgan, and they meet Friday nights.

W. M. Society Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7, Acts 10th Chapter is the lesson—"Peter's Vision."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Corner Bonham and Milam Streets.
Rev. Edward H. Hudson, Pastor.

Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a. m.

Doxology.
Invocation.
Hymn.
Scripture: Romans 14.
Prayer.
Hymn.
Offering.
Music C. E. Choir.
Sermon: "Debtors."
Hymn.
Benediction.

"A More Convenient Season" will be the subject of the evening sermon at 7 o'clock.

"Share Your Blessings" is the Christian Endeavor topic for the meeting at 6 o'clock.

"The Greatest Giver" will be the subject of the Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet Monday in the church at 3 o'clock.

The "No Left Turns" at the intersection of Commerce and Sherman streets are very helpful to the public, and no doubt have lessened the danger of that very busy part of town. Some have failed to note the sign, however, and these are urged to keep their eyes open and help lessen the hazard.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl and I think I deserve something for Christmas. Please bring me a set of golf sticks and set of Jack Rabbit books. My Christmas tree is going to be by my door. And I want a lot of huts and a lot of candy.

Yours,
Doris Cook.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a foot ball and a Santa Claus that will nod its head and a toy nigger that beats a drum and candy, nuts, oranges and apples and bananas and anything else you wish.
Good bye Santa.
Maxwell Gayle.

Dear Santa Claus:
I thought I would write you a few lines. I go to school. I am in the fifth grade. I will tell you what I want. I want a watch, knife, story books of all kinds. Don't forget my teachers.
Your friend.
Emmett Earl Pitts.

Dear Santa:
I want to tell you what I want. I want some little red topped boots, kiddie kar, some Red Riding Hood bokks, some A. B. C. blocks a little toy horn. Some boys think there isn't any Santa Claus but there is, isn't there Santa? I live on South Goss Avenue. Don't forget the fruit and candy.
Your little friend,
Ray D. Morgan.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 8 years old. Please bring me a pretty doll and piano and fruits, nuts and candy.
And please don't forget the little Chinese and Japanese.
Your little friend,
Aleta Rosson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a sleepy doll and a piano, fruit, nuts and candy.
Please don't forget my baby sister. She is 3 years old she wants a doll and a little telephone, also fruits, nuts chocolate candy.
Your little friend,
Ina Bell Rosson.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pair of skates, a curly headed sleepy doll, a little dresser. Lots of fruits, candy, fireworks and nuts. That is all this time Santa Claus.
Lots of love
Your little friend,
Lucile Jackson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a mamma doll, also a little stove and some pretty little dishes. I have already the little cook things. I still have my little cradle you brought me last Christmas. Now Santa I hope you won't forget me.
Marcella Davis.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon, airplane and a toy that winds up, also a train which runs on a track. Don't forget my sister and be sure to bring all the little orphans something.
With love
Billy Frank Akin.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would bring me a big doll for Christmas and a set of dishes and a tricycle and some candy and a little goecart. I guess that will be all. I will throw some kisses at you.
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This is how much I love you.
Estelle Gaines.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy so won't you please bring me an auto big enough to ride in, an air plane, a rocking chair and a snap pistol with six rolls of shots. I have a baby brother, please bring him a little auto, a little rocking chair and a set of blocks and Dear Santa Clause don't forget my mother and daddy. I am a blue eyed boy, 6½ years old and live at 103 Tyler Street and my name is John A. Becker, Jr.

Dear Santa:
I am a wee bit of a baby girl, too small to make much of a showing yet but have a lusty pair of lungs, for which my mother, my daddy and I are thankful. I don't want much this Christmas but as I grow older, I will learn better and ask for more presents next time. Just send me a full set of teeth. I now have six, don't forget the mothers and dadies whose babies have died since you were here last. With love.
SARA ELIZABETH ADAIR,
Age 1 year and 26 days.

Dear Santa:
I am so glad you are going to come again this year. I just can't hardly wait for Christmas to come. Be sure and send me a little tricycle, a train that runs on a track and winds up and a box of tools liks I saw in Cheeves window. I am five years old going on six. Please bring my baby sister a little doll and anything else you have in your sack, and don't forget the poor little orphan children that don't have no daddies and no mothers.
JOHN GARLAND ADAIR.

Dear Santa Claus:
I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know what I want. I want some story books a ring and all kinds of fruit and candy please don't forget my mother father brother and sister. I love you. I am 10 years old.
LUCY LEE DAUGHERTY.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a football and a humpty-dumpty circus, and a little car and a base ball bat.
E. L. SMITH.

Deer Santie Klaus:
Please sent me Sumpkin just anything if you can't think of anything just send the the money and a real furd cah and spark plug.
WELCH S.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I go to Kindergaden. So this is my First letter to ever write. I have blond hair and brown eyes. Bring me a Mama doll and brother a train he calls it a "t oto". We will love anything you bring us.
WANDA BIRDSONG.

To Prosecute Jersey Rum Scandals

GEORGE T. VICKERS

George T. Vickers, Republican, former attorney for the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, has been retained by the Democratic Prosecuting Attorney of Jersey City, N. J., to prosecute policemen, officials and others charged with being implicated in the $50,000,000 bootlegging scandal stirred up by the fighting priest, Father Bennett, of Weehawken, N. J.

Hard Surfaced Road To Forest Glade Good Argument For Better Roads Throughout Consolidated District 4

The five miles of hard surfaced highway between Mexia and Forest Glade, a project launched by Colonel A. E. Humphreys who contributed largely to its construction, has made more friends for good roads than any single piece of roadway in Central, Texas. Many times this Summer, farmers and others have had their views changed. Many a wagon has been driven into town, with bale after bale heaped upon it, easily hauled into town by a single team. The same load pulled over some other roads in this part of the county would have required four teams and then it is doubtful if they would have reached the market without mishap and certainly not without considerable loss of time.

This road was built after Colonel Humphreys had spent many days in stirring up interest in the project and his company and other oil companies as a result gave $25,000, which was covered by Limestone County with an equal amount and by the state with $50,000. It cost the taxpayers of the county only one fourth of its actual cost of construction.

It is a triumph of the public spirit which has made Colonel Humphreys sought as a citizen by scores of cities and communities. The road is as smooth as any city street; it is marked by graceful curves, with graceful declines and easy ascents, with every farm in that section benefited immeasureably and every citizen inspired with a greater vision of service.

Next Tuesday, the voters of Consolidated Road District 4, Limestone County, will have a chance to open the way for the development of the finest system of community roads to be found in all this state, more than seventy miles of them in all, reaching into every part of the district.

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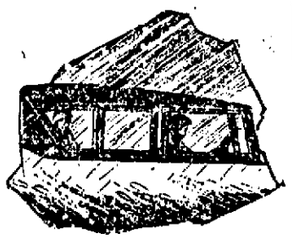

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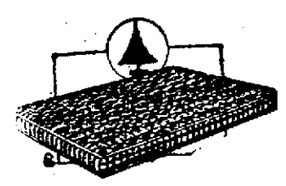

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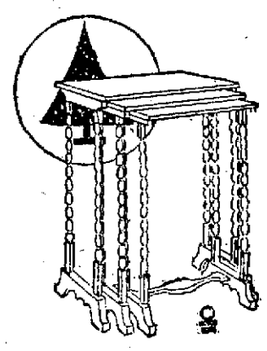

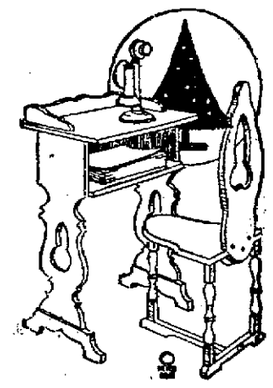

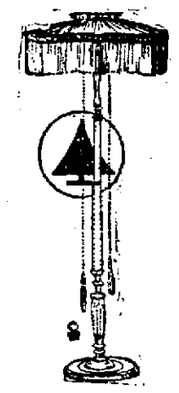

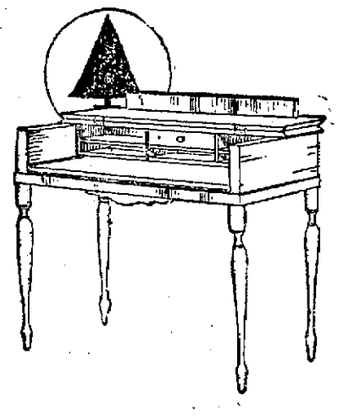

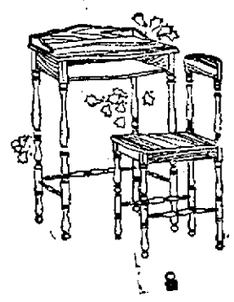

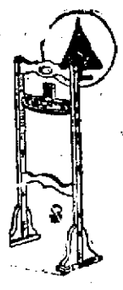

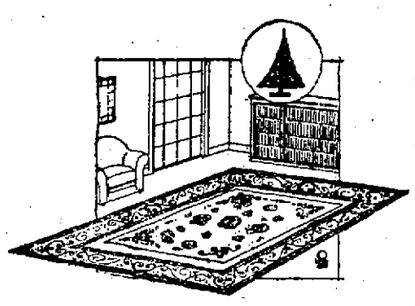

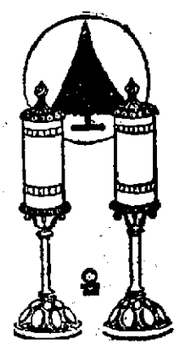

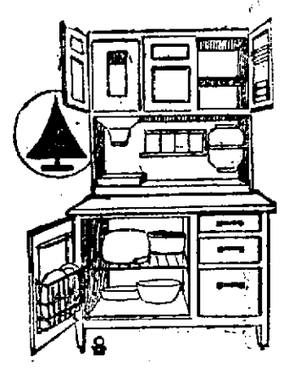

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NEW CASES FILED IN DISTRICT COURTS

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The following new civil cases have been filed in the 77th and 87th District Courts of Limestone county since our last report several weeks ago:

5319-A J. A. Stroud vs. Geo. L. Medlock.

5320-A Robt. T. H. Simmons vs. Mauryie Simmons.

5321-A Lee Ellison et al vs. G. O. Lewis et al.

5322-A Mahalia Jones vs. Arthur Jones.

5323-A Roby Echols by next friend Henry Abner vs. Humble Oil Rfg. Co. et al.

5324-A David Ross vs. Pure Oil Co.

5325-A Nancy Davis vs. Joy Davis.

5326-A Bertie Ann Mae Sanders et al vs. Texas Employers Insurance Assn.

5327 A George Jones vs. Gertrude Jones.

5328-A John H. Brooks vs. A. C. Hornbeck.

5329-B Dave Waters vs. Humphreys Oil Co., et al.

5330-B Dennis Davis vs. Humphrey's Oil Co., et al.

5331-B Jim Green vs. Kate Green.

5332-B Rosa Deveraux vs. Ed Deveraux.

5333-B Dave Williams vs. Recy Mae Williams.

5334-A S. J. Nance vs. Myrtle Nance.

5335-B Mollie West vs. Ed Lee West.

5336-B J. H. Merrill, Jr., et al vs. W. L. Allen.

5337 B Tax Suit.

5338-B Johnnie King et al vs. Humphrey's Oil Co., et al.

5339-B Lourain Couper et al vs. Humphrey's Oil Co., et al.

5340-B William Green et al vs. Humphrey's Oil Co., et al.

5341-B Roberta Wimberly vs. Joe Wimberly.

5342-B Robert Wilson vs. Texas Indemnity Ins. Co.

5343-B to 5440-B Tax Suits.

5441-B Mariah Smith vs. Henry Smith.

5442-B Exparte Wretha vs. Pearl Merrill.

5443-B L. McDonald vs. J. F. McDonald.

5444-B Geo. L. Sullivan vs. John Lane et al.

5445-B Arnett's Auto Parts Co. vs. Howard Wooton et al.

5446-B J. B. Carter et al vs. J. P. Lindley et al.

5447-B J. L. Higginbotham et al vs. Mexia Royalty Co., et al.

5448-B Wm. McNeal vs. Mexia Royalty Co., et al.

5449-B Calvin Kirven vs. Pure Oil Co.

5450-B Ida Williams vs. Elmo Walker.

5451-B Mrs. Jesse Mann vs. Jim Mann.

5452-B Nussbaum & Scharff, Incs. vs. Pure Oil Co.

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT

The following new civil cases have been filed in the county court of Limestone county since our last report several weeks ago:

1134 G. D. Roan vs. J. F. Roberts et al.

1135 G. D. Roan vs. First National Bank Coolidge garnishee.

1137 Ira Lawley vs. Viola Morgan.

1138 D. A. Kerzee vs. Southwest National Bank, Dallas.

1139 J. L. Chapman, Commissioner vs. J. W. Poindexter.

1140 J. L. Chapman, Commissioner vs. W. S. Robison.

1141 Farmers State Bank, Mexia vs. G. C. McEachen et al.

1141 John B. Atkinson, trustee vs. J. J. Anderson et al.

1143 W. A. Iley vs. Arthur Robbins.

1144 Oliver Auto Co., vs. E. D. Smitherna et al.

4270 W. W. Beall vs. Bradford Supply Co.

4330 Stroud Cattle Co. vs. Magnolia Petroleum Co.

4568 J. T. Miller vs. T. J. Cartwright.

4569 J. W. McLendon vs. Upton Barnard et al.

4570 J. W. McLendon vs. Sill Undertaking Co.

4578 W. M. Crawford vs. Pure Oil Company et al.

4580 Mitchell & Jones vs. J. L. Sinclair.

4581 D. H. Lusk vs. Will Rogers et al.

Sixth Assignment—Thursday, Third Week, December 18th.

4586 Mattie Dancy et al vs. F. L. Peyton, Jr., et al.

4589 M. D. Carson vs. E. E. Boyle et al.

45&97 Lucile Cone et al vs. Prendergast-Smith Nat'l Bank.

4598 Mattie Snodgrass et vir vs. F. M. Cundieff.

4604 Marvin Johnson vs Mattie Dancy et al.

5605 Lonnie Kimball et vir vs. Fred S. Dibble et al.

4612 L. J. Ingram et al vs. Jack Dodson.

4621 Estate of Mrs. M. J. Herring

4622 Estate of W. H. Herring.

4624 Lewis M. Seay, Receiver vs. P. C. Willie et al.

4647 Ira Lawley vs. George Youngblood.

4667 Basil M Toland vs Great Northern Life Ins. Co.

4669 J. L. Chapman vs. J. R. Slaughter.

4670 J. L. Chapman vs. W. T Fincher.

4672 Spikes Lumber Co vs. Claud Greene.

4702 E. D. Kay vs J. K. Hughes et al.

4703 Brentworth Clothing Co. vs. Boston Store.

4707 Coolidge Indept's Sch. Dist. vs. G. D. Roan.

4722 R. T. Bell vs L. G. Bledsoe et al.

4725 Miss Ellen Robinson vs Tom McLaren et al.

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[International News Service]

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., Dec. 12.—Fourteen-year-old Harold Nead, of this city, faces prosecution for the alleged violation of postal regulations and forgery, following his arrest.

Nead, employed at the local postoffice as a special delivery messenger, was said to have admitted he forged names to delivery blanks and opened three letters intrusted to him for delivery. He is said to have concealed scores of letters he failed to deliver in a barn and under a sidewalk. The police were led to the hiding places by the boy, who is held pending instructions from the United States District Attorney.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrison of Waxahachie were visiting old friends in Mexia Friday.

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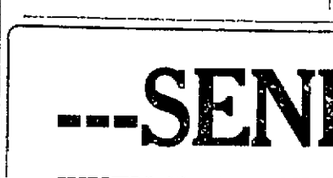

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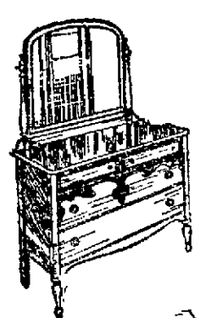

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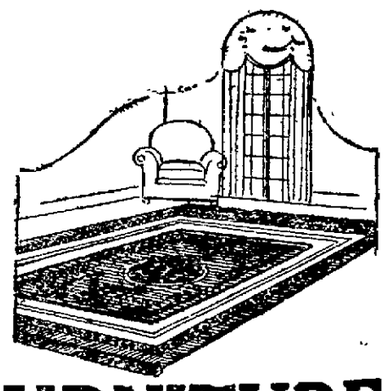

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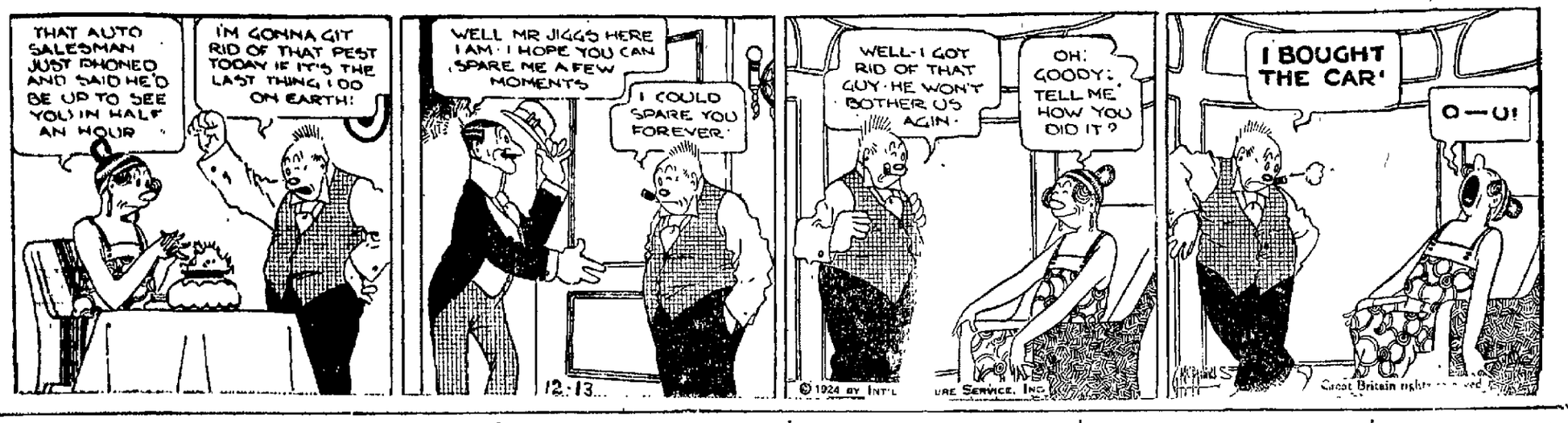
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No. 15 Dallas-Worth.....3:31 P. M.
South Bound.
No. 20 Houston.....12:16 A. M.
No. 38 San Antonio.....12:21 A. M.
No. 18 Houston.....1:37 A. M.
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FOR RENT—3 rooms, west Tyler St. just off of Belknap. A. A. LEE. 14X1

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FOR SALE—Cafe or cafeteria fixtures complete in excellent condition original invoice $12,000.00. Price now $3500.00. This price cannot be beat. Equipment now in use. 806 Houston S. Telephone L. 2021, Ft. Worth, Texas. 3X10t

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WANTED—Colored woman to cook, one who knows the duties of household work, references required, phone 98W, or call at 511 E. Hopkins. 11X6

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See F. R. KLOTZ (owner) for terms and condition and full particulars of sale of above land.

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FOR SALE—Residence at 314 E. Sumpter St., now bringing $50.00 per month rental, includes rear cottage, call at rear of 408 E. Sumpter St. 12X4

LOTS FOR SALE ON ROSS—Two lots for sale on North Ross. See F. R. Klotz (owner) for price and particulars. 30J7

FOR SALE—Two 4 room houses on Red River Street, a bragain for prices, write, W. T. WATSON, Kirven, Texas. 7X7

FOR SALE—3½ 50-foot lots, 800 block east Main St. 15 feet deep. Eleven rent houses on property, all rented. W. E. NORVELL, Henderson, Texas. 5X7

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WILL SELL Lot in Sunshine Addition, just East of Ross. $400, $100 cash down, balance terms to suit. See W. K. Boyd. 30J10

FOR SALE—Residence lots, lights water, gas and sewer. Close to pavements, easy term. It will pay to investigate this offer. CARL DAVIS, phone 399. R-31-30

FOR SALE—My home on McKinney Street, four acres of land, two acres front on R. R. will sell separate from home. See W. B. Jackson. 11X7

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Baseball Pitcher Gets a Chance

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Official batting averages for the American League indicate that the efforts of the rule makers to help the pitchers are meeting with some success. Perhaps the lively ball, which produced such a spree of hitting in the past several years, was made less lively or it may be that the compromise on the pitching rules helped the pitcher and made it harder for the batters.

Most of the major league club owners view baseball from a commercial standpoint. With big investments of money represented in high-priced parks and fancy priced players with large salaries, the club owners cannot be blamed too much for watching the cash register.

Baseball, unlike the game of boxing, has been kept consistently in the favor and popularity of the public by changing its style to meet a changing interest in the game. The rules of boxing never have been changed to keep up fully with the changes that must come in the tastes and designs of changing generations. Baseball has done well in supplying just what the public seemed to want in the way of baseball.

In the old days, a tight pitchers' battle with a low score was the favorite style of baseball. Great pitchers were developed then and little premium was placed on hitting. Fast base running clubs became a vogue and league managers stressed the value of a fast attack. Base runners could be developed easier than great pitchers and great batters.

When Babe Ruth came along and made popular the slugging, smashing style of attack, the crowds flocked to games in which there was promise of a home run. Every club owner wanted a Babe Ruth on his team, but there was only one Babe and the club owners had to do the next best thing.

When the popular style of baseball turned to a hitting game, the rule makers had to impose a handicap on pitching so that it would be easier for the batter. The spitball was barred and rules were passed against the use of any foreign substance on the ball. The "shiner" and the "emery ball" were ruled out and the hitting increased.

It was rather easy then for a .275 hitter to jump up into the .300 class or better, but it was far more difficult to create a batter who could slam the ball out of the lot when the Ruth craze for home runs was started. The pitchers couldn't be saddled with any more handicaps in the delivery of the ball and the batters couldn't have it made easier for them to hit. The magnates found the solution in a lively ball that would go farther and faster.

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Does U.S. Education Lower Birth Rate

[International News Service]

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Families of mine laborers, gravel-pit workers and janitors in the United States are increasing twice as fast as those of preachers and teachers, according to Frank E. Hand, Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, in an address here.

"A recent investigation of 929 typical families showed that people of high education had an alarmingly low birth rate," said, Mr. Hand, who is director of the society's orphanage at Oakville, Ontario. "It was found that janitors and sextons, miners and quarry workers had an average of 3.6 children per family. Ministers, teachers and stenographers average 1.8 children per family."

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ALLEYS TO BE USED BY FIRMS FOR DELIVERY SERVICE SAYS NEW CITY ORDINANEC HERE

R. D. Morgan, City Secretary, Saturday gave out the following letter to local firms regarding a new ordinance to help solve traffic problems in Mexia:

Owing to the congested traffic conditions in the business part of town, the City Commission has seen fit it draft an ordinance requiring all business houses operating a delivery service to load in the alley back of their place of business.

This letter is to ask you to begin this loading in the alley before this ordinance goes into effect. This will give you some time to make preparations for such loading and to educate your drivers.

We are requesting all firms who deliver goods, wares and merchandise to your place of business to deliver same in the alley and we ask that you make this request of those from whom you buy your supplies.

Your co- co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and we hope that we may have your whole-hearted co-operation in helping to eleminate the traffic congestion.

SPORTLIGHTS

By HECK.

With a dandy seat on the fifty yard line I watched the Waco Tigers turn Beaumont's Royal Purple to a deep dark blue Friday when Tyson's crew fought their way into the finals with a brilliant 10-0 victory over the downstaters. The game abounded with all the sensational play that kept the great crowd in a frenzy and I doubt if ever a more brilliant and hard fought game was ever staged on the Cotton Palace gridiron. To Beular, Beaumont quarterback, goes the palm for the greatest offensive play I have ever seen in a high school game and this lad came near beating Waco all by his lonesome. Balliew, Beaumont half back was also going great guns when injuries forced him from the game at a critical moment and it took the steam out of the Wildcats.

For the Tigers the brilliant work of Taylor and Groves was matched by the uncanny generalship of Ish the Waco quarterback and while these three will probably get the credit for the Waco victory I can't help but fell that the main glory goes to that wonderful Waco line which stood like a stone wall against a terrific attack from an eleven that had never until then been stopped by any line but believe me the Royal Purple found more than their match when they tried to dent the Tiger line. Beaumont uncorked a great variety of plays that would beat most any eleven but to my mind the Waco Tigers have developed a system of defense that is almost unbeatable. The Waco line showed to greater advantage than did Beaumont although the Purple was doped to be far better than the Tigers in this respect and the Tiger forwards are due the glory for making the great line plunging of Taylor possible for they usually cracked the Purple line just enough to let the ripping, tearing and slashing Taylor get through for good gains. The Waco eleven now meets Oak Cliff for the state championship and its a cinch that the big stadium at Dallas will be packed for this attraction. The Waco-Cliff game is a hard one to dope and while a great majority of the sport writers will pick the Dallas entry I can't help but stake m ybet with the Waco eleven and Paul Tyson. There is no argument but what Beaumont lost to a better eleven and while the odds all favor Oak Cliff I have a hunch that Tyson will bring his Tigers around for the game just as he has all season—just good enough to win.

Farmers and Bankers to Meet at A&M Cooperation in Verse

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, December 13.—Preparations are being made to entertain 100 farmers and as many bankers of Texas at the annual Banker-Farmer conference which will be held at the A. & M. College of Texas next Monday and Tuesday, December 15-16. The visitors will be accommodated as guests of the institution, beds provided them in contingent space in College buildings and meals served them in the Mess Hall.

Representatives of both the bankers and farmers invited to lead the discussions on various phases of the problems peculiar to both interests have accepted. The program of the conference has been divided in three parts, the first session being confined to consideration of the problems of increasing production, the second being devoted to ranch management and economics and the third to farm and ranch financing.

Four farmers in Texas whose achievement in improving the production of their farm enterprises has come to the attention of the Extension Agents of the College and been recognized as notable will tell of their methods in detail. Practical ranchmen have also been selected to give suggestions for improving ranch methods. Bankers with experience in financing various enterprises of the farm and ranch will give their ideas of the kind of credit needed by farmers and ranchmen and how it may be obtained. The conference will conclude with a half day spent in round table discussion of the topics aroused by the previous addresses and discussions.

Ed Dresser of Corsicana returned Saturday after a business trip here for several days. Mrs. Dresser will be here several days. They formerly resided here. Their son Paul Dresser who attended the Mexia High School is to graduate this year from the Corsicana High School.

C. N. Wakefield of Coolidge is convalesing at the Brown Hospital after an appendix operation.

Appearing at the National Theatre

Walter Hiers and Constance Wilson in a scene from the Paramount Picture "Fair Week"

H. K. Boyd of Big Lake, with the Simms Oil Company, is in the new field here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Littman will leave Mexia Sunday for a trip to New York through the holidays.

1,000,000 Children at Work in America

[International News Service]

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—One million children slaving their childhood and all their future usefulness away and 200,000 children coming before courts each year, dependent and delinquent—these are the responsibility of every thinking woman in the United States, according to Miss Mary L. Downes, High Chief Ranger of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters.

"The appeal of the 1,000,000 little wage slaves," Miss Downes said in a speech here, "has aroused the interest of the 70,000 members of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, and all the thirty-two States in which we have courts these women will ask their Legislatures to ratify the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution."

Mrs. J. A. Strong returned home from the Brown Hospital Saturday after having undergone an operation.

REV. G. T. REAVES GOES TO BRADY

Pastor of First Christian Church to deliver last sermon of pastorate at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

R. J. Schradt, former President of First State Bank of Taylor was in Mexia on business Saturday.

MRS. J. K. HUGHES SIMMONS 1 DEADY TO START DRILLIN IN.

Mrs. J. K. Hughes of this city, only woman operator in this part of Texas, is expected to start drilling in on her Simmons 1 the first part of this week. It is looked upon as being one of the most favorable locations in the Wortham field. Mrs. Hughes has two other wells rapidly going down in the same district which is in the very heart of activity. Her well will likely be among the first half dozen brought in.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wheelock and children of Corsicana are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith.

Mrs. W. W. Day is convalesing at the Brown Hospital after an operation, she is expected to be able to return to her home soon.

Secretary Farrow of the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce was a Mexia business visitor Saturday.

Lunien L. Powll was here from Houston Saturday.

Claud McMillian was here from Greenville Saturday.

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$27.50 Suits $19.95
$29.50 Suits $21.95
$35.00 Suits $25.95
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$30.00 Overcoats ..$24.95
$39.50 Overcoats ..$32.95
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BOYS PANTS

Any pair of Boys Knee Pants in our store marked at 33 1-3 discount.

Men's Hats and Caps

We are placing on sale about 100 Men's Novelty Hats that sold for $7, $7.50 and $8.50 for ..$5 each
Another lot of Novelty Hats originally priced $2.50 and $3.50 each will go at.....$1.95 each
One big lot Men's Caps priced.....$1.00

Boys Hats and Caps

Little boys and juniors Cloth Hats.
$2.00 Hats $1.35; $2.50 Hats $1.75; $3.00 Hats $1.95
Boys Caps in light and dark patterns, priced..$1.00

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Any Dress in our stock, Silk or Wool can now be bought at exactly—

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Shoddy comforts, full bed size, good weight, regular price is $2.75, special $2.25 each, $24 doz.
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Samuel Gompers Dies in San Antonio Saturday Morning

PENN McCORKLE GUSHER IN FOR 7600 BARRELS

Groesbeck Extends Welcome to Courthouse Celebration

PROGRAM PLANS COMMEMORATION OF COMPLETION OF LIMESTONE'S HALF MILLION DOLLAR CT. HOUSE

Groesbeck is planning to put the big pot in the little one for three days this week, from December 18 to 20, according to Secretary Farrow of the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce. He was in Mexia Saturday and brought a special invitation from the people of Groesbeck to the citizenship of this section of the county, urging them to be present at least a part if not all of the time.

The occasion will be the commemoration of the completion of Limestone County's new half a million dollar court house, which is now all spic and span, with its shining marble and towering halls, ready for the festivities of the week and for the service of the County.

The program begins Thursday December 18, with a band concert and concludes Saturday night with the Queens Ball.

In full the program is as follows:

PROGRAM.

Thursday, Dec. 18th.

1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m.—Band Concert.

3:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Address By John T. Orr, Pres. Farm Bureau.

4:00 p. m.—Ford Car given away.

7:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m.—Band Concert.

8:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.—Old Fiddlers' Contest.

First Prize $15.00.

Second Prize $10.00.

Friday, Dec. 19th.

11:00 a. m.—Band Concert.

1:00 p. m. Parade.

Prettiest out of town float $25.00.

Prettiest out of town car $15.00.

Prettiest rural school car or float $10.00.

Most unique entry $5.00.

2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Address—Hon. Jas. E. Ferguson.

8:00 p. m. street dance.

Saturday, Dec. 20th.

2:00 p. m.—Dedication of New Court House.

3:0 0to 4:00 p. m.—Address—Hon. T. H. McGregor.

4:00—Ford Car Given away.

7:30 p. m.—Coronation of Queen of Limestone County.

8:30 p. m.—Queen's Ball.

Rodeo and wild west performances daily by Texas Bud's Big Rodeo.

NEW DISCOVERY ADDS MILLIONS TO OIL DISTRICT

Colonel A. E. Humphreys is highly delighted with the discovery of fifteen feet of rich pay in the Penn McCorkle. It is designated by Mr. Fohs as the lower member of the Woodbine strata of sand.

This sand was not encountered in the Mexia field and finding it in the Wortham area gives that territory an added advantage in productivity and adds many millions to the value of all holdings.

He is especially elated inasmuch the immense holdings of the Boyd Oil Company will yield a greater production than he had looked forward to and acreage on which he had made a very conservative estimate from his past experience in oil development will after the flush and pumping period, in the present sand, are exhausted will allow him to go deeper in this lower member of the Woodbine family and have an additional production easily estimated at 50 per cent above original figures.

THE WEATHHER.

[By United Press]

Texas—Fair and colder.

INTEREST SHOWN IN NEXT CHIEF SUCCEEDING GOMPERS

By WILLIAM J. LOSH,
United Press Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The death of Samuel Gompers precipitates an interest within the American Federation of Labor for the power he exercised thru forty-two years that may well lead to far reaching changes within the organization and affect its future course.

Election of Gompers' temporary successor lies within the executive council of the Federation. Frank Morrison, secretary, automatically becomes acting president, but he is required to issue a call within six days from today for a meeting of the council to elect someone to complete Gompers' term until the convention of the Federation meets at Atlantic City next November.

Matthew Woll, seventh vice president of the Federation and representative of the ex-photographer union, appears to be the most likely candidate for the interim appointment. Woll has been Gompers' right hand man for the past few years and labor leaders here believe he will be picked to hold the organization together while its component elements gird for the fight for permanent control over it.

Others who have a chance of temporary election, however, because of their membership on the executive council from which the regent must be picked, are James F. Duncan, Granite Workers; Joseph F. Valentine. Moulders: Frank Duffy, Carpenters; William Green Mine Workers; T. A. Rickart, Garment Workers; Jack Fischer, Barbers; Martin Ryan, Railroad Carmen; Daniel J. Tobin, teamsters and Frank Morrison, printers.

A fight for the presidency will occur at the Atlantic City convention next year when powerful groups within the Federation meet in a struggle for power which Gompers has long suppressed by his amazing generalship. Chief contestants in this conflict will be John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers Union; W. L. Hutcheson, president of the carpenters union and Daniel J. Tobin, president of the teamsters union.

Leaders liken the prospect to a "battle royal," in which several contestants struggle until the last man standing is awarded the title. So determined are the various elements to seize the power that Gompers wielded so long that a "no quarter" battle is held inevitable.

Henry Martin of the Crowdus Drug Company was here Saturday.

The Chief Is Gone Is Message Sent To Union Men of U.S.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 13.—Samuel Gompers died at 4:05 o'clock this morning at his room in the Saint Anthony Hotel. His death was announced five minutes later by Chester I. Wright, press representative of the American Federation of Labor.

Wright came into the hall from the room where Gompers battled with the grim reaper all through the long hours of the night and said:

"The chief is gone."

Failing heart action, caused by the strain of the grueling trip from the City of Mexico and the aged man's general weakened condition caused his death, according to Wright.

SAMUEL GOMPERS.

Veteran labor leader who passed away at San Antonio Saturday, mourned by millions of laborers and others.

In a bulletin issued at 10 o'clock Friday night, the last official statement issued before Gompers' death, the physicians declared that there had been no change in his condition and that there was every indication he would spend a comfortable night.

At 2 o'clock, however, there was a sudden change in the veteran labor leader's condition and he sunk rapidly from that time until 4:05 o'clock.

Shortly after 3 o'clock all members of the Gompers party and officials of the American Federation of Labor were awakened by Wright and a United States immigration officer who stood guard at the door all night.

Local labor leaders were notified of their chief's condition at that time also, and a number of men and women began crowding the corridors near the room, on the third floor at the Saint Anthony.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, went into his chief's room at 3:30 o'clock but would make no statement at that time.

"The end is near now. It is just artificial life."

Between 3:45 o'clock and 4 o'clock [illegible] ers grasped the hand of one [illegible] associates, asking for his wi[illegible] faint voice.

"Ple[illegible] for my wife, I know I am [illegible] he begged.

It [illegible]in 10 minutes after he sp[illegible]e words that he died, accord[illegible] Wright.

Aft[illegible]pers' death was announc[illegible]poseful looking men with i[illegible] gray hair, in wrinkled business [illegible]uits, stood in front of his door and cried—unashamed.

These men—leaders in the labor world—every one of them, spoke hardly a word.

They were too moved by the death of their chief to talk.

Silent women in kimonas—members of the American Federation of Labor sectariat staff—wept silently.

Their leader was dead.

At 4:45 o'clock members of the executive staff of the American Federation of Labor met in Secretary Frank Morrison's room for a conference and Wright announced that an official statement would be made, following the conference. He didn't know, however, how long the executive session would last he said.

Gompers made no rational statement regarding the future of the American Federation of Labor before his death, however, according to Wright.

"That he did not make any statement regarding his wishes in relation to the Federation is simply my personal opinion," said Wright, in explaining that he had heard nothing about it.

One of the first persons to be notified of Gompers' death—even before news services flashes were sent—was President Calles of Mexico.

The first woman, except women

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SMITH BEALL 1 TO START TO BAILING IN SUNDAY

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's Beall 1, a North offset to the Kirby Bounds 1 gusher of Thursday, was drilling at around 2960 feet late Saturday. It will drill to 2984, the same as the Kirby Bounds 1, and bailing is expected to begin on this operation sometime Sunday.

The Smith Beall 2 is rigging up to spud in and the derrick for number 3 was completed Saturday. The number 2 is North of the Beall 1, and the number 3 is West of it.

This Company had had the distinction of being far down toward Woodbine depths on offsets to both gushers which came in this past week. As a result Smith stock has been much in demand at rising figures.

POINT ENTERPRISE CITIZENS ENTHUSIASTIC FOR ROAD BONDS TO BE VOTED ON NEXT TUESDAY

A splendid good roads meeting was held Friday night at the church in Point Enterprise. Some fifty or sixty people were present and the meeting went on record as being unanimously in favor of the good road bond election to be held Tuesday, December the 16.

The committee from Mexia who addressed the meeting were David Murphy, A Hardy Eubanks and Jere Cason. The speakers of the local community were H. W. Tolson and Mr. Bond who besides expressing themselves as being in favor of the bond issue, extended the Mexia visitors a most hearty welcome.

This is the last of a series of like meetings in the rural communities around Mexia and at each of the meetings there has been a unanimous feeling for the Road Bond issue. The citizens of Mexia are indeed proud of the success of these meetings and the good will that has been brought about due to them. We want the farmers in this trade territory to feel that Mexia is their trade home, and each citizen of Mexia should prove this Tuesday by going to the polls and voting for the Bond Issue.

W. A. REITER, GEOLOGIST

Member of the firm of Reiter-Foster Company, Geologist who began working out structure at Wortham two years ago and who made the location for the Penn-McCorkle 1 which came in Saturday at noon, the fourth well in the new field, for 7600 barrels.

W. T. JOWELL INSTANTLY KILLED BY FALLING BEAM IN FIELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

W. T Jowell, a well known resident of Mexia was instantly killed about three o'clock Friday afternoon by a falling plank from the top of a derrick. Jowell was employed by Brannon and Murray, rig builders and was at work on the J. K. Hughes lease near Wortham. At the time of the accident, he was standing on the floor of the derrick when a 2x10 inch plank about sixteen feet long slipped from near the top of the derrick striking him end ways on the side of the head. Spectators state the deceased never realized what had happened as he was dead before anyone could reach him.

The deceased is survived by a wife and five children who reside at 412 East Commerce Street. The daughters are: Doris, Lois and Rosa Lie, the two boys names are James and Willie. J. C. Jowell, S. H. Jowell and wife, G. H. Jowell, E. L. Jowell and wife and Miss Etta Jowell from Dallas, R. L. Jowell from Frankston all brothers and sisters of the deceased arrived in Mexia Saturday.

The remains were sent to Frankston, Texas for interment Saturday afternoon. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Jowell, a teacher in the public schools here for the past several years is a sister of the deceased.

The arrangement for the shipment of the deceased were made by the John R. Corley Undertaking Company.

JIM FERGUSON FLAYS JUDGE KIRBY AND KIRBY FLAYS TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Judge Fountain H. Kirby of Limestone County attended the state highway parley in Dallas this past week. He was flayed by Jim Ferguson in the discussion pertaining to the highway department with whom he locked horns.

Of the argument, North Texas morning daily newspapers Saturday described the event as follows:

Advocates of the Ferguson administration's legislative program for automobile and gasoline tax laws in the 1925 Texas Legislature as recommended in the report of a committee of fifteen, carried their plan unchanged through a two-hour fight in the general conference at the Jefferson Hotel Friday morning. It was adopted by an overwhelming majority of the 1,000 or more delegates in attendance and will go to the Legislature as the expressed will of representatives of every interest affected by the proposed $6 average automobile license fee and the 3c gasoline tax.

The principal assault on the recommendations of the committee was led by Judge H. F. Kirby of Groesbeck, Limestone County and Representative John T. Smith of Austin. Representative Smith declared he would wage a determined fight on the plan if it came to the Legislature.

Ferguson Replies Caustically.

To these opponents former Governor Ferguson, chairman of the conference, replied in caustic terms. He asked Judge Kirby why his county did not levy the special tax permitted under the law for building lateral roads.

"Representative Smith can fight us all he pleases," the chairman declared. "He is like the Irishman who came over to this country and upon landing in Castle Garden announced that he was against everything, everywhere.

"Some people think because they are county officials they have a corner on honesty and sincerity. They believe they are the only people who know how to spend the people's money. I want to tell you County Commissioners you have been just as extravagant with pub-

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GUSHER EXTENDS WORTHAM OIL FIELD ONE MILE N. E.

The Penn McCorkle 1 came in Saturday at noon for an estimated production of 7,600 barrels. During the first hour, it flowed 255 barrels; the second hour, 325 barrels and when guaged after flowing three hours the crude oil shot into the 5000 barrel storage had risen to 4 and a half feet. The capacity of the tank is 196 barrels to the foot.

The completion of this test, as a producer, lengthened the producing area about one mile Northeast of the Kirby Bounds 1, and invigorated activity about it on every surrounding lease.

Although the field is but three weeks old, and this is the fourth producer brought in, the field is already known by these discoveries to be practically four miles long.

The Penn well is in the east part of the townsite of Wortham; is about a mile Northeast of the Kirby-Bounds, about 5,000 feet Northeast of the Boyd Oil Company Simmons 1 and on a direct line with the Boyd Simmons and the Boyd Oil Company's discovery well on the N. B. Boyd.

The drillers who watched day and night in bringing the well finally into the production column were Black and Black of Corsicana.

Bob Penn has been on the lease almost constantly for the past several days and although he never lost hope of bringing it in, others did and until noon Saturday, for a week, he has shown in every line of his countenance that he was under a nervous tension. When the gusher came in, turned to the side for a few minutes, he threw a brand new hat into the slush pit, while all those gathered at the gusher also shouted their expressions of delight and gladness for his sake, if not for anything else. He went about bareheaded the rest of the day making arrangements for more wells to be drilled on this acreage. Already the derrick is up for the Penn McCorkle 2 just east of the number 1, while offsets on all sides began to run more lively still as the sound of the steady flow of oil could be heard rushing to storage.

Rigs that had begun preparations to move away from that part of the field Friday were getting ready to stay right there and those that had moved off were ordered back.

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's Edwards 1, an offset south of the Penn 1, was to set casing Saturday night at 2940 feet.

The extension means that further semi-wild catting will go forward still further Northeast.

East of the McCorkle, Colonel Humphreys has a tract on which a derrick is up. North and West also are other tests either going down or getting ready to spud in.

It is only about four blocks in to the business district of Wortham and on back southwest as far as the Boyd discovery well, the derricks are getting thicker daily. Such a campaign is wothout a parallel in the history of Texas, veterans of the game in the state assert.

The well was completed just one week after it was first expected in. Everything had been made ready Saturday, December 6, for the well to be completed in the production column. The Atlantic Company, partly interested in the lease, had laid a six inch line to take the oil and representatives of the Boyd Oil Company, also interested in the well, were then on the derrick floor, cooperating with Mr. Penn in the work involved. It failed to produce then and at once it was decided that it would have to be drilled deeper. The first bailing was when the hole had reached a depth of 2991 feet. It was drilled 24 feet

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THE CHIEF IS DEAD MESSAGE SENT TO UNION MEN OF U.S.

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members of the party, to be advised of the death, was Mrs. Chester I. Wright, of Washington. Wright wired her immediately after he announced the death.

Mrs. Gompers was also notified immediately and fifteen minutes later, scores of telegrams were being sent by the grim faced men and weeping women who thronged the hallway on the third floor of the Saint Anthony.

The following statement was issued by Frank Morrison, secretary of the A. F. of L., and members of the executive council present at 6 o'clock this morning.

"President Gompers died at 4:0 o'clock this morning after heroic efforts to save his life. Dr. Lee Rice and Dr. W. S. Hanson, of San Antonio were in attendance. Dr. Rice stated that Mr. Gompers' heart failed to respond to restoratives. There had been an acute condition of the heart and kidneys for fully a year and a half past. It was impossible to overcome the weakness of the heart. Every possible measure was taken to prolong Mr. Gompers' life, but to no avail."

At 2:30 this morning he uttered his last words.

"Nurse, this is the end," he said "God bless our American institutions. May they grow better day by day."

From that time until the end Mr. Gompers was unconscious. His breathing was heavy until just a few moments before the end. As death approached his face became calm and he sank peacefully and quietly into his last slumber.

In accordance with a wish expressed in Mexico City when he believed the end to be near, Vice President James Duncan held Mr. Gompers' hand as he passed away.

Members of the executive council present in San Antonio are discussing arrangements for the funeral and an announcement in that respect will be made later.

Mr. Gompers, during his last moments was surrounded by a group, the members of which have for years been his intimate associates and co-workers. They were: Dr. Lee Rice and Dr. W. S. Hanson, of San Antonio; Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor; vice presidents, James Duncan, Matthew Woll and Martin F. Ryan; W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Street and Electric Railway Employes; John P. Frey, editor of the Molders Journal and president of the Ohio State Federation of Labor; Florence C. Thorne, member of the A. F. of L. Research staff; William C. Roberts, chairman of the A. F. of L. legislative committee; Chester M. Wright, director, A. F. of L. information and publicity; J. E. Giles and E. J. Tracy, members of the A. F. of L. office force; T. J. McQuaid, plate printers union, Washington, D. C.; C. N. Idar, A. F. of L. organizer in San Antonio; Joseph L. Lynch, member of the Amalgamated Association of Street & Railway employes, and A. L. Bytel, United States immigration office.

The two nurses present were Miss M. H. May, R. N., of New York and Miss Marie Jameston, R. N., of San Antonio.

Samuel Gompers, the controlling spirit of organized labor in the United States, was born in the slum quarter of London, Jan. 27, 1850. He came to America at the age of 13, and was a naturalized American citizen when he reached 21.

He was an apprentice in the cigar trade when he crossed the ocean and continued in the tobacco work, being made president of the International Cigar Workers Union in 1866, from which office he never was removed.

When the American Federation of Labor was organized in 1881, he was offered the presidency but declined.

After serving a year as vice president, he assumed full command until 1894, when for a year he yielded to John McBride, representing the coal miners. He again was elected to the office, which incumbency he held until his death. The position paid no salary, but allowed him expenses .However, in 1886 when the Federation was reorganized, Gompers was given a $10,000 salary yearly.

Gompers was credited with settling more strikes than any other labor man in history. He served on many civic and national committees. During the World War he served as chairman of the labor committee of the council of national defense and kept the labor forces behind the Government.

Gompers was married to Sophia Julian, an English girl who came to this country about the same time he did. She died in March, 1920. Gompers re-married on April 1, 1921, to Gertrude Neuscheler.

The labor chief had four children, three boys and a girl.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Before Gompers left on his late trip to El Paso and Mexico City he told his secretary if he died he wished to be buried in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, New York, Samuel, Jr., said.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 13.—The general offices of the M. K. & T. today completed arrangements for handling the Gompers funeral coach from San Antonio to St. Louis. The car will leave San Antonio at 11:00 tonight, arriving in Fort Worth at 8 in the morning. There it will be attached to the Katy Flyer and arrive in St. Louis Monday morning, where it will be turned over to the Baltimore and Ohio.

GUSHER EXTENDS WORTHAM OIL FIELD ONE MILE N E.

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deeper when bailing began Saturday morning.

The elevation of the well is 463 feet. The depth of the hole is 3015 feet. It is in the sand 16 feet. The estimated production of 7,600 barrels is coming in through a one and a half inch choke.

W. A. Reiter of the firm of Reiter and Foster, geologists, is being extended much praise for his part in working out the structure on which the latest discovery was made. With the log of the old Jap test on the Longbotham, West, three years ago, which drilled to a depth of 3200 feet, as a starter, he began two years ago to work out the structure, pronouncing the area in the eastern part of Wortham and east of Wortham as most likely for oil production. He also had the log of the old Peurfoy test which drilled to a depth of 3220 feet and the logs of other wells to assist him in drawing conclusions following his close examination and study of surface geology.

His geology and that of the Humble Oil Company's geological department are said to have tallied all the way through, and the Humble secured large lease holdings in the vicinity of the new gusher as a result of their faith in the territory.

Many citizens of Mexia are interested in royalty and in leases throughout the field and were greatly enriched by the discovery in the Penn McCorkle 1, just as they have been in the previous discoveries of this mammoth oil pool.

BOYD SIMMONS SUPPLIES GAS FOR THIRTEEN OTHER BOYD COMPANY OPERATIONS

The Boyd Oil Company is using gas from the Roy Simmons 1 gusher in the new field for its operations in the most active center of the Mid Continent Oil district. Thirteen drilling operations are being supplied fuel by this one well alone. Other operations of the company will also be supplied from the same source as rapidly as connected up. This is a noticeable economy in the operations of this company.

OIL FIELD ACCIDENTS.

Sam Ray, 26 years old an employee of the Atlantic Oil Producing Company had his left foot injured while putting up telegraph pole Saturday morning about 11:10 in the Wortham field. He will be unable to work for several days.

F. C. Williams of the Humble Oil & Refining Company had two bones broken in his right foot about nine o'clock Saturday morning. Williams was at work on the Lindley lease in the Wortham field, while tightening a tool joint his foot was struck with a sledge hammer.

F. J. Riley, an employe of the Welch Motor Company painfully injured his right hand early Saturday morning while adjusting a shock absorber on a car. An X-Ray picture did not show any broken bones.

B. F. Bruce of M. Patridge Company, Drilling contractors, severely injured his left hand Saturday morning while working on jack board, joint of pipe fell on hand.

E. R. Blair of the Humble Oil and Refining Company injured his left foot Saturday morning when a heavy beam fell on his foot. The accident occurred in the Wortham field.

A truck loaded with heavy timber turned over near the Boyd well Saturday afternoon about two o'clock painfully injuring the left hand of A. E. Collier, who was on the truck at the time of the accident.

WILDCATTING TO START NEAR COTTON GIN SOON

It is understood here that a lease has been made recently for acreage between Mexia and Teague where wildcatting is soon to be the order of the day. A dam is to be constructed on a creek running through the vicinity of Cotton gin to impound water to be used in the campaign.

Yes we have one large room, which will fit up for bedroom or housekeeping, located 4 blocks north post office at 109 East Rusk street west of Sherman. 14X1

JIM FERGUSON FLAYS JUDGE KIRBY AND KIRBY FLAYS TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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lic money as anyone else."

After the adoption of the committee report, with its recommendation for an average of $6 for automobile license fees all of which is to be retained by the county collecting it, and for a 3c tax on gasoline with one-fourth of the fund derived to go to rural or common schools and three-fourths to the State Highway Commission, the conference adopted a resolution commending Gov. Elect Miriam A. Ferguson and former Gov. Ferguson for their foresight in calling the conference. This resolution also declared the conference in favor of a unified system of highways under the direction of the State Highway Commission.

Marrs Commended.

Another resolution adopted by the conference commended State Superintendent of Instruction S. M. N. Marrs for his efforts to postpone all adoptions until the law is amended and to adopt all the present basic books for another year. The textbooks board was condemned in the resolution for refusing to consider the recommendations of Superintendent Marrs. E. M. Davis of Brownwood resented this resolution.

Wants Taxes Reduced.

"I am with Barry Miller heart and soul," declared Ferguson, "that instead of raising taxes we have got to reduce them as far as possible. Some men think that because they are county officials that they alone know how to spend money. Why, they certainly wasted money as well as the State Highway Commission, and they have no right to come here and arrogate to themselves the only honesty in this convention. If anyone wants to fight us on this, even if a member of the State Legislature, let them go to it. Judge Kirby, you are getting more money under this proposed law for Limestone County than at present and yet you sidetracked that question and attacked the commission. If we are honest with the people you won't vote for this amendment and raise the auto tax to $10. I wanted $5 myself.

Flays Highway Board.

Judge H. F. Kirby of Groesbeck, preceding Ferguson, flayed the highway commission, pleaded that the auto license be left as at present and objected to the distribution of funds the resolutions proposed.

"We would be better off without the highway commission," said Kirby, "and while the counties should get all of the auto tax money it doesn't matter about the gasoline tax at all. The commission is in league with firms selling machinery and I won't support any measure taking more control from the counties and centralizing power in Austin which will mean centralization at Washington soon. I know you won't agree with me because selfish interests are back of all this."

A delegate arose and shouted that Kirby was out of order because he wasn't speaking on the subject, which was the amendmennt calling for $10.

Then Ed Steeger of Bonham got the floor and asked Kirby:

"How much money is your county getting under the present system and how much will it get under the proposed?"

"We are not getting all of the money," answered Kirby and there was laughter.

Miller Asks Question.

"Didn't you get $550,000 for your county?" demanded Barry Miller.

"Yes, but is it right for Limestone County to get so much money when nearby counties get so little?" replied Kirby, "if you steam roller us now there will be a big reaction. Soon you can build more roads by county bonds than with state and federal aid."

Limestone County is contesting the present State Highway law and refused to send any of its auto tax funds to the Highway Commission.

N. S. Kilgo of Knox City, in a brief speech, urged that the amendment for a $10 fee be supported.

Legislator Opposes.

It was to John Smith of Travis County, member of the Legislature, that Ferguson directed part of his warm speech, for Smith made a strong speech declaring that he would oppose the auto fee reduction in the Legislature. "I will support a move to reduce the advalorem tax' said Smith, "cutting it five cents on the $100, but the proposed gasoline tax is a burden on the people, not on the oil companies. We don't need the three-cent tax, but let's get the money from tax dodgers."

He was answered by James A. Stephens of Benjamin, a member of the resolutions committee, his speech, punctuated by sallies at enemies of the proposed law, bringing ringing laughter. Stephens said that the $10 feet is too high and that thousands could not afford it. Smith also took a rap at teachers and Stephens came to their defense, saying they were underpaid. One-fourth of the gasoline tax will go to the rural school and Smith saw no need for this. "Did you ever hear of a teacher accumulating anything?" asked Stephens. "They won't make as much money as a waiter. Any man who refuses to uphold this three-cent tax, part of which is for the schools, is narrow, whether a member of the Legislatur or not."

Curtis Hancock of Breckenridge and A. R. Darnell of Bell county spoke in favor of the $6 fee, while E. M. Davis of Brownwood, County Judge John Ehlinger of Fayette County, and L. B. Doran of Williamson County favored the $10 fee. H. A. Hollis of Scurry County declared that the highway commission is getting the lion's share of funds and proposed one-fourth of the gas tax for the counties, one-half for the schools and one-fourth for the State.

A resolution offered by R. E. Huff of Wichita Falls approving of a statewide, comprehensive, connected highway system to be constructed under supervision of the Highway Commission, was carried unanimously. The main resolutions regarding the automobile and gasoline tax carried, with only four voting against them. The hall at the top of the Jefferson was filled today, as it was yesterday, and among those attending were 20 State legislators.

The situation presented by Jim Ferguson speaking in such direct fashion to Judge Kirby is interesting in this county on account of the leading part which Judge Kirby took in advancing the interests of Mrs. Ferguson for Governor. He has always been recognized as an ardent Ferguson supporter.

SPEIGHT 1 HAS OIL SHOWING WHEN BAILED

Work of bailing the Speight 1 of Z. Gardner, south of Mexia six miles, at Shiloh, has attracted some interest the past few days. An oil showing is reported. The opinion is freely expressed that the wildcat will have to drill a few feet deeper.

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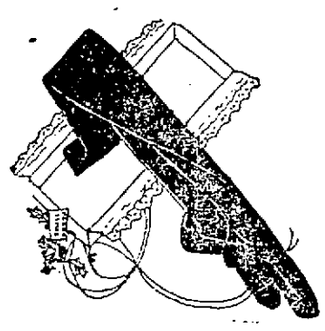

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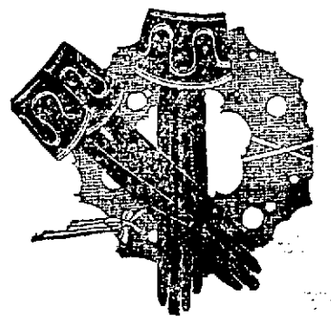

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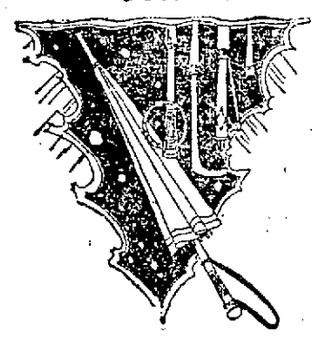

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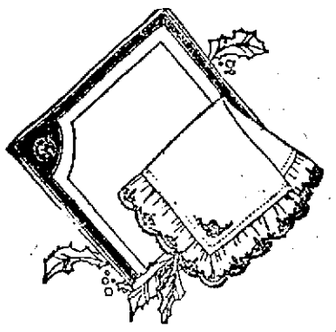

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Miss Catherine McGrail Entertains Black Cat Football Squad With An Elaborate Banquet at Country Club

Miss Catherine McGrail entertained the members of the successful 1925 Mexia Hi Black Cat football squad, their ladies and a few friends, with an elaborate banquet at the Mexia Country Club Friday night. The table was made into the shape of a football gridiron with goal posts and markers. Red carnations and fern leaves were tied together with a black ribbon using the high school colors throughout in the beautifully decorated room.

Coach E. H. Poteet was toastmaster and after making a short talk called on members of the Black Cat squad for a few words, among those making talks were Captain Thompson, Perkinson, Buford, Lucas, Bennett and Murphy.

Each member of the squad making a talk had a selected subject and delivered it well. J. K. Hughes also made an interesting talk to the guests.

Among those present at the banquet were: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hughes, Roy Andrews, Principal of the High School, Misses Margaret Smith, Marianna Murphy, Josephine Wofford, Ciara Belle Bybee, Tina DeLong, Grace Stephens, Eleanor Moore, Pearl Goolsby, Birdie Crider, Mary Porter Travis, Marguerite Yeldell, "Nig" Maddox, Jesse May Sherrar, Margaret Storey, Elizabeth Jones, Genevive Hughes, Lurlie and Audrie Betts. Messrs Bower Crider, Clyde Wesson, Mil Aulds, Wayne Thompson, Dick Buford, Jack Corley, Doyle Perkinson, Reuben Storey, Marvin Bennett, Jim Karner, Wilbur Hoelzel, Bill Murphy, Wayne Lucas, Haskell Shorter, Weldon Wiggins, Rado Ward, Leldon DuPuy, Ed Wiggins, Jim Wright. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Poteet, Miss Catherine McGrail, Miss Lessie Spearman and Dr. Roy Lehman.

SHILOH SCHOOL TEACHER INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Miss Shirley Suttle, teacher in the Shiloh school, and who makes her home with her brother, G. R. Suttle on East Sumpter street, was painfully though not seriously injured Friday night in an auto crash while returning to Mexia. She was taken to her home and Dr. Dorset was called and dressed her wounds, consisting of bruises and cuts about the face. She will probably be able to resume her duties in the school room Monday.

The accident occurred on the Groesbeck road, when a car driven by several men struck the car in which Miss Suttle and Mrs. Ward were returning from Forest Glade school where they had been attending a basket ball game. Mrs. Ward was also bruised up considerably, and their car was slight damaged.

The car driven by the men was almost completely wrecked.

GIFT SHOP.

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 12.—A miniature gift shop was made and stocked by children enrolled in the kindergarten at the College of Industrial Arts this week as a Christmas project in their course of instruction. The shop was built of floor blocks and the gifts modeled from clay.

The little tots gave a Christmas party for their mothers Friday night. A huge Christmas tree was donated for the occasion by W. R. Nabours, business manager of the college.

JAPANESE OFFICERS REPORTED DROWNED

[By United Press]

TOKIO, Dec. 13.—One hundred officers and men are believed to have drowned today when the Japanese special naval service ship Kanto went aground in the Japan Sea, twelve miles off Tsu Gruga, and broke in two. Thirty of the crew were rescued, but Kantos vice commander and ninety-nine others are missing.

W. A. Martin of Corsicana was a visitor in Mexia Saturday.

Mrs. D. Williams was here from Lufkin Saturday.

J. G. Gassett was here from Corsicana Saturday.

W. J. Lee was here from Dallas Saturday.

Wm. A. Green was here on business Saturday from Dallas.

CHIEF FIGURES IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Above: MRS. CORA LA FORGE & ELLIS CUTTING
Below: GEN. R. L. BULLARD & GUSTAV STRESEMANN.

Dr. Gustav Stresemann, German Foreign Minister, becomes the final arbiter in German politics as the result of the Reichstag elections. Major-General Robert Lee Bullard, who commanded the American First Field Army in France, and who retires soon as commander of the Second Corps Area, with headquarters in New York, has been quoted as declaring that, because of their superior discipline, one German soldier was as good as three Allied soldiers in the World War. Elias H. Cutting, eighty-seven, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the last surviving member of the Light Brigade to ride with Lord Raglan in the immortal charge on the Russian guns at Balaklava, in the Crimean War, is dead of paralysis. Mrs. Cora la Forge's full name incorporates fifteen hyphens as a result of that many marriages. She has just secured her eleventh divorce in East St. Louis, Ill., and intends to marry again. She is forty-five.

MRS. ZENO KING ENTERTAINS "13" CLUB

On last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. King entertained the "13" Sewing Club at her home on Ross Avenue. This cozy home was made very inviting for the guests and most enjoyable was the afternoon spent in genial friendship while busy fingers worked dainty stitches in various sorts of linens.

Guests other than members were: Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Dorsett, Mrs. Gray Forrest and Mrs. T. B. Chatham.

At the conclusion of the afternoon, most delicious refreshments were served consisting of salmon croquettes, hot rolls, nut bread sandwitches, celery, chocolate pie and coffee.

J. C. Wynne of Fort Worth was here on business Saturday.

L. J. Blace was a visitor from Beaumont Friday.

Russell G. Davis was a business visitor Saturday.

W. S. Guthrie was in the city Friday and Saturday from Rockdale.

FIANCE DIES ON WEDDING EVE

MISS ISABELLE POPE.

The marriage of Miss Isabelle Pope, of Wilmette, Ill., sophomore at Northwestern University, and Nelson McClintock, youthful millionaire orphan of Chicago, was balked by his death. Knowing he could not recover, he urged his sweetheart to secure a marriage license and marry him on his death bed, but by the time she returned with the license, he was dead.

C. I. A. Girl Doll Up for Daddies And Mothers Christmas

[By United Press]

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 12.—Beauty parlors in the vicinity of the campus at the College of Industrial Arts are doing a thriving business these days. Students, anxious to appear to the best advantage when they step off the train into the arms of father, mother, or whatever arms may be waiting for them, wish to overlook no psychological detail in the matter of returning home.

For several weeks there have been frantic efforts on the part of those inclined to obeisity to curtail the regular consumption of alluring chocolate bars and other sweets. Most of the students report that they are still gaining.

HOW TO FIGURE SALT WATER DEPTHS HERE

Here's how salt water depths are figured by many operators in the local fields.

The generally accepted sub-sea depth is 2560 feet. The elevation is added to this, which gives salt water depths.

In figuring how far a well is off salt water, the depth of the hole is subtracted from this total.

Between the sand and the water is found a formation of a few inches thickness, sometimes hard and sometimes soft.

The 2560 sub sea depth has been proven generally in all Mexia Balconnes fault fields.

Frank Oliver was a business visitor form Groesbeck Saturday.

HONOLULU, Dec. 12.—A prison sentence of one hour was imposed by Federal Judge J. T. DeBolt, in the United States District Court upon K. Nakaya, Japanese counterfeiter, who turned Government witness and gave the authorities information by which they were able to obtain indictments against twenty-one members of a gang of Japanese making bogus money in various parts of the Territory. Ten of the cases have already been successfully prosecuted. Nakaya's hour of imprisonment was spent in the office of the United States marshal.

Too Late to Classify!

LOST a martin fur choker somewhere in Mexia or Groesbeck Thurs day night, December 11. Reward offered. Notify Miss Era Mae Smelley, Groesbeck. 14X3

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FOR SALE—5 room modern cottage, oak floors, large deep lot garage for 2 cars, servants room, 320 South Red River or call on Wildman Furniture Store. 14X3

FOR RENT—Two comfortable bed rooms in private home on pavement, suitable for men, every convenience, 713 E. Grayson St. Phone 440W. 14X1

FOR SALE—16x50 cot tent with 24 steel cots all set up and everything furnished, all ready for business, or it can be easily moved, see at Young rooms, 207 S. Red River St. or phone 667W. 14X7

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

J. N. Martin was here from Fort Worth Saturday.

J. J. Shrewsbury was here from Dallas Saturday.

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GOOD ROADS A TRIBUTE TO INTELLIGENCE.

"Let me see your roads and I'll tell you what kind of a community you have."

Good roads reflect intelligence. Good roads attract population just as a well beaten path is chosen by a horse rather than an unmarked trail. It is a case of being true to nature. Did you ever wonder why it is that in every pasture in this country, the cattle have made paths which they follow when they want to go somewhere? It means less effort on their part. Shall we not show as much intelligence or instinct, whatever it is, next Tuesday and make the paths, known as our public roads and highways, from factory to field, from farm to store and from home to school and church, considerably better by voting for the bonds.

For multi centuries, man packed his load of merchandise, meat, berries, roots and skins, on his back, the only mode of travel and freight traffic then known. It was slow, cumbersome and laborious to follow the crooked trail through the forest or across the plain. But finally, as the centuries went by, it dawned upon him to harness other forces, to lighten his burdens, so he made the sled, yoked up his oxen, and then it was that exchange of commerce began, leading finally to the wonderful transportation system now known thruout the civilized world.

But the "know-it-alls" shook their heads and said that it would break the tribe to widen out the trails and dig down the steep banks, although they admitted that the four footed domesticated animal could carry heavier loads and move more rapidly than the human burden bearer of the good old days.

And so time moved on and after many other centuries the cart came into use and then the wagon and buggy; then the train and electric car and finally the automobile.

The main battle all along has been the cost of roads for the new mode of travel. The roads had to be widened some more, the banks digged down and bridges constructed.

Despite protests, this has all come about.

Men have tamed the fleet footed steeds and they also tamed the wild wheat and the wild corn. Then they tamed other wild tribes and taught them to eat corn pone and flour bread. Commerce was encouraged and expanded, therefore, more roads more vehicles, and more time for improvement.

Every advancement of civilization has been a battle.

Instead of traveling twenty five to thirty miles per day, now from sun to sun, man travels several hundred miles per day, see more people, do more business and make more money in one day than our fathers did in a fortnight.

Next Tuesday will be Mexia's opportunity to join hands with the intelligent farmers of the surrounding neighborhoods and build for a better and a brighter day. Vote the bonds.

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EVIL WORDS OR HUMAN SEWERS

"Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Idle words are evil words rather than mere useless sentences. They are hurtful words, words carried by a tale bearer, distorted, magnified and sometimes false, until they are accepted with all the hurt they bring and all the enmity that they may arouse.

Men and women should be careful of the messages they carry on their lips just as they are of the diseases that they might carry in their clothing.

Before saying to someone, "Let me tell you what so and so said about you," the messenger should remember that words are immortalized. Every word uttered, whether it be good or evil, loud or soft, cheerful or sad, musical or discordant will be heard again on the great day, borne upon "the wing of the wind and the folding pages of the tempest." They will speed down the aisles of the ages, throughout creation and will be sounding along the corridors and echoing amid the columns and arches of eternity, and sound there forever, God and angels and you intelligently hearing them again and again.

In Salt Lake City, in this country, there is a Mormon Temple which attracts the footsteps of thousands annually. The patter of the feet is so loud in that magnificent structure that the doors are locked during an organ recital, so that no one will try to leave. To move to the door while the organ plays would fill the vast space with echoes and noises so great that the entire audience would be disturbed.

In St. Paul's Cathedral, it is declared there is a room so constructed that if you whisper upon one side of it, the voice is distinctly heard on the other. It is called the "Whispering Gallery."

The gossiper, the scandalmonger, the waggish, thoughtless human sewer which opens to carry foul words and villainous substances which the originator himself will not bear to their destination, should remember that they are standing in a great whispering gallery where every word and whisper are not only heard to heaven but probably to the other side of the universe. Oaths, curses, prayers are out beyond recall, and the winds this day may be reciting them to the angels. If by carrying the evil word, the idle message, you have made the widow moan and the orphan wail, that moan and that wail may be traveling still, and will probably come shrieking into your ears one the day of judgment.

The Hydra, the fabulous monster, which dwelt in the Lake of Lerna, which had a multitude of heads and tongues, spread terror through the land. It was assaulted many times, yet was unconquered, for as quickly as one head and one tongue was covered, another would immediately appear. Hercules finally killed it by applying firebrands to the wounded necks as he cut off the heads.

The gossiping hydra-tongued, malignant message bearer of today, is more fearful than the monster which Hercules branded. Its huge form bathes in every sea and its head protrudes on every shore.

"God shall bring every work into judgment."

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A FAIR AND SQUARE DEAL NEXT TUESDAY

The average citizen of consolidated road district number 4, in considering the pending issue of $1,571,000 to be voted on in said consolidated district next Tuesday is not so much interested in the details of the construction of the roads proposed but what he wants is good roads properly constructed, properly maintained and adequate to meet the needs of the community concerned. He is interested in knowing whether or not he is to get a dollar's worth of road for every dollar expended. He wants his investment so preserved that the roads will not be gone before the bonds have been paid. He is assured, in this instance, not only by the words of those who are behind the campaign but by the language of the issue that he is to vote upon that every community will be given the same fair, equal and square deal and the burden of the cost is to be placed upon those who benefit most from the roads. If Mexia citizens are to pay more for the good roads contemplated and exactly specified in the election ballot, they, in turn, are to receive a larger benefit than anyone else. Since, the passage of the bonds means lower taxes for road purposes from some of the neighboring boxes, it is unbelievable that any very great opposition may be found on Tuesday in such parts of the consolidated road district.

The main object in voting bonds for roads is to receive the full money's worth, and to develop a system such that the man who starts out for somewhere, he will know beforehand that he can get there. The issue to be voted on Tuesday will provide the entire district with a connected system and chain of good roads that will connect all with all, with a type of roads that can be depended upon in all seasons and conditions for many years to come.

The one seriously seeking information, if he but reads the issue as printed on the ballot, will have all his doubts and fears cleared away. The average citizen can be trusted to do the right thing, if he knows what it is and with the needed information right at his finger tips, he is certain to vote for better roads and insure against such conditions as might otherwise result in having to pay a big sum to be pulled out of a mud hole, to repair broken sprnig or to get a new axle.

A community that is financially able to pay its share of the construction or improvement of its roads and then fails to do it, is not fair with the surrounding neighborhoods. Mexia citizens go to the polls next Tuesday and vote the good roads bonds. Let's be fair with our neighbors.

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THE COST OF BAD ROADS

Good roads cost money. But bad roads cost more. The farmer with his wagon knows this. The business man with his truck knows this. The children who go to school in a conveyance know this. Everybody knows it.

Although autoists will derive the biggest benefit out of the system of better roads contemplated in the bond issue next Tuesday, it should be remembered that good roads are not primarily a luxury. They are not only essential to town building, but they are required in home building and in farm improvement. They are constructed not chiefly for convenience and pleasure but for profit and business which will be enjoyed by every property owner and citizen in the district concerned.

Expenditures, therefore, for them are to be placed in the same category with appropriations for police and fire and sanitary service in the city or for general governmental protection and preservation on the outside. Roads are even classed with schools as a public necessity. Vote the bonds next Tuesday.

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What doth it profit a man to travel on a good road between mud holes?

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

OUR RURAL SCHOOLS AND ROADS.

It is impossible to progress without change. Therefore, to fight change, on the ground that "what was good enough for my father is good enough for me" is but to say "there can be no progress towards anything better. What was, is best."

The schools our fathers attended were the best the times could produce. The schools we attended were better schools. Now, the "little red school house," often little more than a hut with benches and a self-sacrificing teacher, who did her best with poor equipment, is giving way to the modern rural school, with good equipmennt, better educated teachers, and more ample curriculum. With the coming of better means of transportation, more children attend country schools, and for longer periods. As good roads are extended, school facilities must be extended to keep pace with the increased demand. Good roads everywhere, must mean good schools everywhere.

Few farmers fight the idea of better roads, even if they mean increased tax. But there are more who do fight increased school expenditures, with an increased school tax, either because "we haven't any children," or because "the old way is good enough."

There is no such thing as a school "good enough." The best schools we can produce are not "good enough." To admit that anything human is perfect is to claim that no progress can be made. As today's schools and methods make those of fifty, or a hundred years ago, seem pureile and inefficient, so will the schools of the future make those of today seem inadequate.

Fight for, not against the good road, over which children may go to school. Fight for, not against, an increased appropriation for teachers' salaries, for more and better books, for a longer school year.

The children of today are the America of tomorrow. If indeed, this great Nation is to roll forward in liberty, humanitarianism, and enlightenment, the childish hands which one day will hold the wheel must have the best opportunities to learn how to steer!—Belton Journal.

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Scholarship Assembly Divulges Honor Roll; Is Increasing

Scholarship is among the first items in the school and is considered a great honor by every boy and girl. There was a considerable increase in the number of students this period over the number of the honor students of the first period.

An assembly is held each period of six weeks for those on the honor roll. The students on this roll for the second period are: Joy Adams, 95 1-4; George Blitch, 90; Ione Brown, 91 3-4; Billie Hight, 91 1-4; Elizabeth Jones, 93; Frances Jones, 91 1-4; Trudie Mackey, 91 1-2; Marianna Murphy, 93; Virginia Rollins, 91 1-2; Jessie Mae Sherrer, 91 1-4; Margaret Smith, 95 3-4; Grace Stephens, 93 3-4; Pauline Stephnes, 91 1-4; Mary Porter Travis, 95; Ora Lee Wylie, 95 1-4; Benjamin Davis (deceased,) 93 1-2.

A deep silence fell over the audience as Mr. Andrews paid a splendid tribute to Benjamin Davis, deceased member of the honor group.

Talks of great interest were made by Mack Walters, Carlos Clover, Jessie Mae Sherrer, and Mary Porter Travis who attended the State High School Press Association at Baylor College, Belton, Texas last week. The convention was a great success for Mexia, as we were awarded second honor for having the best magazine of the fifty-six schools which were represented at the association. The school is proud of the "Black Cat;" and as Mr. Andrews says we do not wish to rest on our laurels already won, but work for more and bigger ones.

To the joy of every body the second publication of the "Black Cat" magazine was distributed at the close of the assembly. The "Black Cat" has been a success and is very enjoyable to every one who reads it.

Carlos Clover was elected as a members to the executive board of the association for the meeting in 1925, and the school is very proud of this for it shows the spirit of the "Black Cat" and of the school.

NEW ARRIVALS ARE ATTRACTED FIRST BY HEAVY TRAINS

WORTHAM, Dec. 12.—Operators arriving from Arkansas state that their attention was first drawn to the activity because of a trainload shipment of rigs out of Smackover.

The agent at Louann reports that 63 rigs left both Louann and Smackover within 4 days time the latter part of last week and the first of this. One local freight leaving Louann consisted entirely of drilling rigs.

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"Pep" And Sportsmanship in Mexia High School In All High Sports

The first phase of interest in our gymnasium department is the "pep." No matter what kind of athletics we have, our gym girls are always behind it and boost it with all their enthusiasm. Their "pep" has helped to make this big exhibition which they are going to give to the public. The next important thing is for the citizens to show their "pep" and make their plans to be present for the event on the night of December 19th.

Good sportsmanship has been shown by all of the girls. They have practiced, and in other ways worked for the past two weeks to make a success of the "Big Show.' Miss Scheel says that the sportsmanship of the Mexia High School girls excels all she has ever seen. Good sportsmen are in demand today. They are the people who count most when anything is to be done. The High School girls are staging this exhibition determined to "put it over," and with a little outside assistance it can be accomplished in a manner that will make every body proud of the school.

The third phase of interest is the compact, combined force that has been placed behind this exhibition. Each girl has been placed to the advantage of the whole exhibit, and not for the pleasure of any individual. Each girl has done what was asked of her with a smile. Not only the Physical Education Department, but the whole school helps to boost our exhibition.

There are not many schools the size of Mexia with as good equipment to work with that Mexia has, and we want a chance to show the public what we are doing with it.

We, the gym girls, also want the public to see what successful training we are having under the able instruction of Miss Scheel.

Tex. University Has Collection Of War Records

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 13.—The University of Texas now has one of the biggest war records collections in the United States due to the efforts of Dr. Milton R. Gutsch, associate professor of English history. All the original records of the food administration bureaus in Texas during the war, the records of the county and state councils of defense, records of the liberty loan and war savings stamps campaigns, and of the war relief campaigns conducted by the Red Cross, the Jewish organizations, the Y. M. C. A. the Salvation Army and the Near Eastern relief are included in the collection.

Records of the School of Military Areonautics, the Radio School and the School of Auto Mechaniics, which were conducted in Austin during the war, are also found in the collection.

Brief records of every Texan who was in any branch of the army or navy of the United States during the war are included in collection. These records show when the man was inducted into the service, where he served and whether he suffered injury or death in the service.

Many local newspapers published during the war preserved in this collection. About two thousand pieces of war posters are in the collection. Many volumes of war propaganda of all nations involved in the war are also included.

This collection, which was made up largely through the efforts of Dr. Gutsch, was started in 1918 and is now practically complete. The collection is kept in the Library Building.

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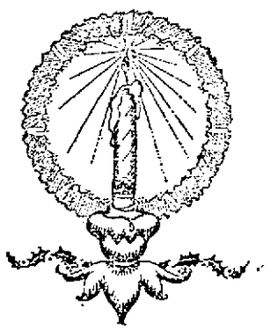

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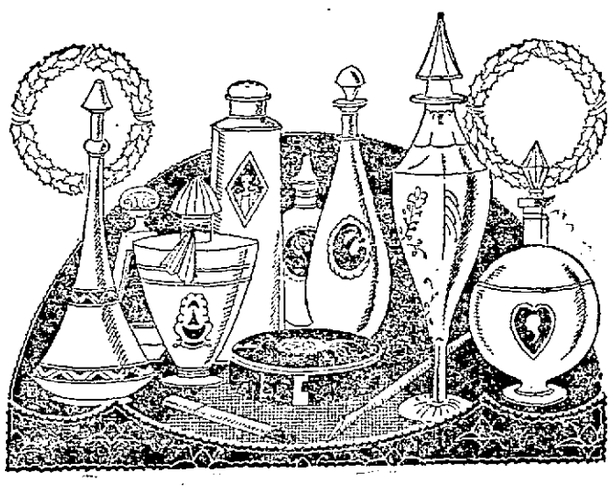

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Major Companies Lead Activity In Wortham District

WORTHAM, Dec. 13.—The deputy supervisor, John R. Locke, for this district of the Oil & Gas Division of the Texas Railroad Commission announced today that the total number of permits issued and granted to date for the drilling of wells in the Wortham fields, totals 160. There are about 15 requests for special permits which will be heard by Judge H. E. Bell, head of the Oil and Gas Division, before leaving this week end for Austin.

While many individual operators and companiies hold permits, the majority are held by major companies as follows: Humble Oil & Refining 35; Boyd Oil 35; J. K. and Mrs. Annie Hughes 12; Pure Oil 4; Kirby Petroleum 14; Simms & Marland jointly 25.

After receipt of these figures, 4 requests came in from Boyd Oil for two locations on the H. F. Ferguson farm, one on the N. B. Boyd, and one on the J. P. Lindley. These tracts all lie between the two Boyd producers.

The Kirby-Bounds well, just joining the list of producers as the third well of this new field, drilled to the pay in 8 actual drilling days. In one 24 hour period, 800 feet was made by the two shifts. The oil produced by this new gusher, tests 70 degrees Fahr. and is 39.2 specific gravity.

By way of preparation for the adequate storage of the crude this field is due to produce, 3,000,000 barrels of new storage is being built and the 55,000 barrel tanks added to the farms located in this section. There is a total of 25,000,000 barrels of storage in Limestone County and Freestone (Mexia and Wortham) alone while Corsicana has another 9,000,000 barrels. The pipe line companies are now busy moving a considerable portion of the crude in storage within the Corsicana, Mexia and Wortham district, to make room for heavy flush production.

In order to handle the increased traffic of incoming freight consisting of rigs, rig patterns, building material and provisions, the H. & T. C. is now using 12 switch engines to dispose of this new business. Shipments of crude via tank cars is expected to resume at several loading racks long since unused.

Reports of the two wells which started the greatest activity ever indulged in, within the space of two short weeks at Wortham, Texas, has spread through out the United States and faces of people who made the various Oklahoma booms, Ranger, Fort Worth, Breckenridge, Wichita Falls, and Arkansas, are now seen on the streets of Mexia, Corsicana and Wortham. It is estimated that Wortham is filled with close to 10,000 people. The Humble and the Gulf have relieved the situation by the construction of camps for their field help but people and traffic is coming in in hordes, Mexia and Corsicana are rapidly becoming as active as during their boom days. The hustle and bustle on all sides is a great contrast to what has been the case for several months past in the oil industry. People have been waiting for just such an opportunity as this, and the result in the shape of a world's record for activity within a two weeks period, has been the spending and assumption of obligations which would total easily $5,000,000.00.

People are standing in line at meal hours, and the Commercial Hotel has turned over its dining room to an experienced oil boom caterer. He hails from Nowata, Oklahoma, Mr. G. B. McDonald is the proprietor and following experience that those who made Ranger and Breckenridge are familiar with, he is feeding 450 people per hour by placing the food on the table and allowing every one to help themselves, family style. While there are but three meals served, it is necessary in order to handle the people who have to stand in line waiting their turn at the table, to work up their dinner, during the night proceeding. He is using a day and night crew.

If there is any thing to American democracy, it can be seen in its full expression at meal time with the big operators and business people seated alongside and passing grub to roughnecks, drillers and teamsters.

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DISTRICT COURT DOCKET.

Fifth Assignment—Monday, Third Week, December 15th.

4219 F. L. Peyton et al vs. John Dancy et al (jury).
4223 Groesbeck Abstract Co. vs. J. D. White et al.
5243 T. W. Whaley vs. Homer ord.
4249 Alton Baker et al vs. J. D. Baker et al.
4253 Farmers State Bank, Mexia vs. A. L. Beason et al.
4255 Bradford Supply Co. vs. D. S. Hoad et al.
4257 O. F. Pitts vs. Guy Wade.
4258 First Nat'l Bank, Kosse vs. P. C. Cruze.
4260 A. L. Hodge vs. H. H. Tucker et al.
4262 Thos. H. Flynn vs. W. Morley et al.
4274 E. L. Dalton vs. City of Mexia.
4278 J. N. Groesbeck vs Bradford Supply Co.

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[By United Press]

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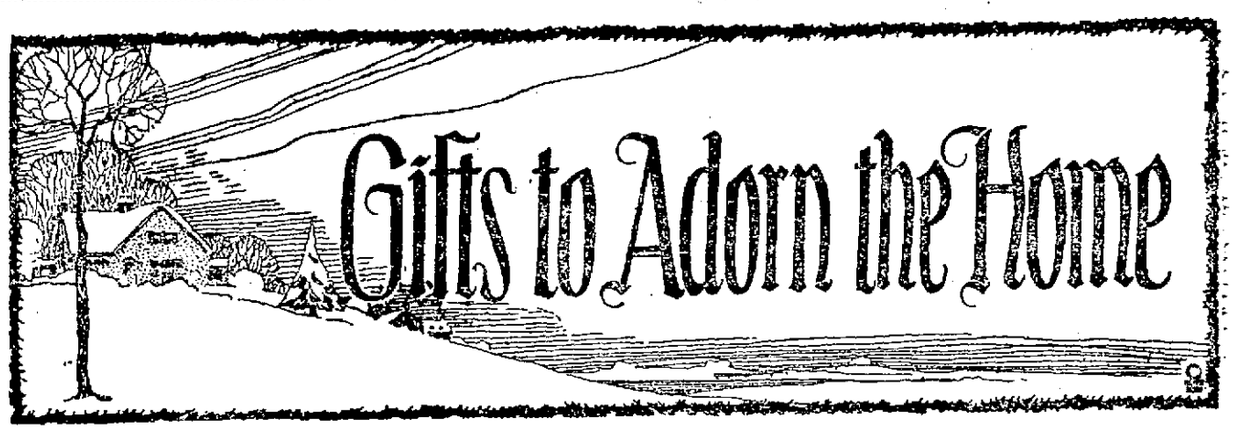

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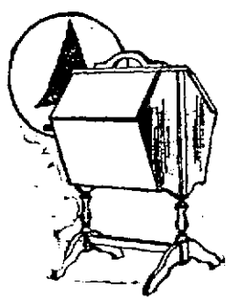

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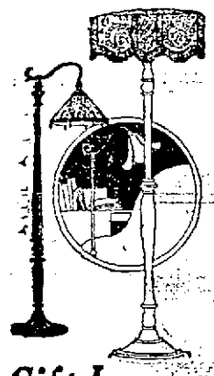

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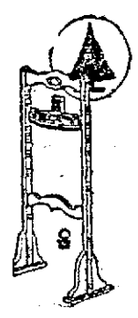

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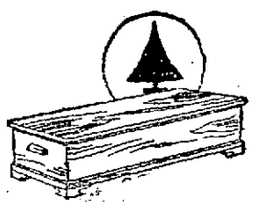

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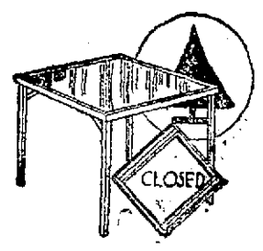

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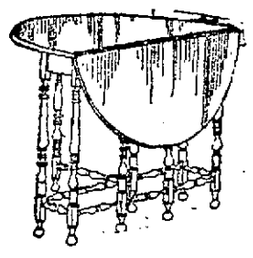

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Civilization Of 1924 In Limestone Handed Down to Children Through Blood and Hardships of Pioneers

By HAMPTON STEELE
The eldest son of the last survivor of the battle of San Jacinto.

"About 90 years ago, a little band of people wended their way through the forests and jungles of Texas until they landed at what is now known as Ft. Parker situated about three miles northeast from Groesbeck. There they stopped and built cabins and a stockade to protect them from the Indians. This was sometime in the year 1835. The following spring they broke land and planted corn to supply their wants.

"Things were moving along nicely and they were happy and contented in their new home. But on the 19th day of May, 1836, a beautiful spring day, the sun was shining bright, the flowers were in bloom, the birds were flitting from three to tree singing their songs, the buffaloes were browsing around some lone trees on the vast expanse of the prairie, the wild deer were skipping from glade to glade and all nature was smiling. The children were playing around their mother's feet and every one seemed to be happy. Perhaps the mother would look into the face of her child and think of the Indians and her cheek would blanch. There would be a little heartache and a silent prayer that the Indians would pass them by. Little did they think that before the sun went down on that day, the tragedy of their lives would be played. There was a dark line coming from the west toward the fort. They were moving slowly in single file, with their war paint on. They stopped about 300 yards from the Fort and were apparently holding a council. All the men from the fort were away at work with the exception of old man Parker. He decided to go down and see what the Indians wanted. He went down and it was but a few moments until they had killed and scalped him. Then they made for the fort. The women and children sought safety in flight. Many of them were killed and many captured. Among the number captured were Mrs. Plummer, her boy about 8 years old and Mrs. Parker and two children, a boy and a girl was known as Cynthia Ann, who was recaptured by Sul Ross years afterwards in a fight with the Indians on Pease river. These were the first white settlers in this county. They were all broken up and what they had built and planted was destroyed by the Indians.

"I daresay that if the question was asked the present generation not one could tell who were the next settlers who came to this county. I was one of them, and I shall attempt to tell about them. Reader, if you had been a spectator about 81 years ago you would have seen a wagon one morning about 100 miles southeast of here. This was in November 1844. That wagon was not one of the striped bed and yellow wheel type, but was one of the pioneer wagons which the people used in that day. This type of wagon has passed out of use.

"That morning you would have observed a man, small in stature, standing beside that wagon. You would have also seen a blue eyed woman and three little boys, the eldest about 5 years of age the next about 3 and the youngest about 1. They seemed to be loading the wagon to make a journey. There was no furniture to load into that wagon such as bedsteads, dressers and the like. The bedstead in that cabin was a fixture to the house. It was one of the Old Texas bedsteads made with one post and two poles which were joined together by means of an auger hole and to the wall by means of two other holes. Chairs consisted of a block of wood, smooth on one side and supported by three legs and known as the old Texas stool which we used for chairs. So there was no furniture to go in that wagon with the possible exception of a very crude piece of furniture, a cradle which was made for the writer. I wish I had that cradle to show to the present generation.

"At last everything was loaded into the wagon and the oxen were brought up. The mother and the three little boys climbed into the wagon and the start was made toward the north, pioneers blazing the way for civilization. The writer was only 5 years of age at this time and does not remember a great deal of what happened on the journey with the exception of one thing, which made a lasting impression on his mind. We had probably been on the road two or three days when I got tired of riding and would get out and throw rocks at the birds. One evening I was walking and had gotten about 50 yards behind the wagon. It was nearly camping time and we had just come down a long slanting hill. I looked up and saw two people on top of the hill. My father yelled at me to look at the Indians. One look backward and I made for the wagon yelling. I heard my father say afterwards that he didn't know but that they were Indians at the time. It developed later that it was two negroes who were looking for some stray hogs. Next morning everything was all right and we moved on. We came up the east side of the Navasota river until we struck the old San Antonio road when we crossed over to the west side of the river at what was then called old Franklin. Father said there was a man living at the crossing then by the name of Franklin who had a mill for grinding corn. Father traded him some yearlings for some corn which he had to return for after we had settled. The distance back was about 50 miles, a pretty good step to mill. But the meal did us for a long time. The greatest obstacle which confronted the early settlers was getting meal and salt. We had plenty of meat, for on the prairie there were plenty of deer and buffaloes and in the woods there were wild turkey and other kinds of game. We settled just across Frost Creek or rather in the fork between Frost creek and Rockey creek. I think the place is now known as the Burrow place.

Now as to the other settlers, father and mother said there were just 13 families here at this time. Among the number were: L. A. Stroud who first settled at Buroak springs on the Navasota river not far from Rocky crossing; Elisha Anglin, who first settled on the spring branch about 2 miles from where Groesbeck is now located; Moses Anglin settled out on the hill just north of Groesbeck; John Anglin settled near the place where the brickyard at Groesbeck now is; Abe Anglin settled one mile southeast of Groesbeck in 1844, the old house is still standing; William Burns settled across Frost creek to the south of Groesbeck about a half mile above where the railroad crosses the creek; Forest Phifer settled down across Rocky creek at a point now known as Forest chapel; Samuel Nelson settled on the south side of Frost Creek, the old place has been torn down for many years, it is now known as the Stockton place. There is a graveyard here where Nelson's first and second wife and 2 children are buried; Silas Bates built a cabin near where the old Bates spring is; John D. Smith settled at what later was known as Smith's point about one mile northwest of old Louisville. Smith died there in 1847 and his wife about a year later. The four orphan daugters were carried to Louisiana by their Uncle John Nelson to make their home. When they reached young womanhood they came back to their childhood home and I married the youngest of the sisters.

A man by the name of Baker settled on the east end of Horn Hill. He was the farthest out of the settlement at that time. The place is now known as the old Bennett place. This completes the settlers who were here that year. The next year more people came, The Falkenberry's Clinton Owens who settled at old Springfield. J. R. Henry came about January 1846 and Hesahia Jackson, the grandfather of W. J. Jackson settled on the head of Wagon Wheel branch about the first of July 1846 and the Pendergasts settled at old springfield. Mich Roberts, A. P. Smith and J. R. Henry all settled at old Springfield, J. R. Henry was the first merchant to begin business at that place, this being the year 1846. This same year the county was organized, Moses Anglin was county Judge, Clinton Owens, county clerk and a man by the name of Whitaker, sheriff. Everything was moving nicely.

"Then the Texas star, brightest of the west, was added to the Union which brought about war with Mexico. There were not many people here at that time. It being on the frontier we were subjected to the raids of Indians at anytime. But notwithstanding this many of the young men volunteered and went to Mexico. Those whom I remembered to have gone were: Eli Davis, John Davis, H. P. Banks, L. L. Godfrey, William Burns, Abe Anglin and a man named Hicks. They all went through the war and returned safely. They are all dead now. Godfrey came to Texas with W. J. Biggs.

"I shall now try to give you some sketches along other lines. You know that there are certain things that happen in a boy's life which make an impression on him that he never forgets. The next spring after we moved here there was a large herd of buffaloes came down Frost creek on the south side of the creek. They had gotten about opposite where the town of Groesbeck now stands about a mile above where we lived when my father discovered them. He and Uncle Marion Powell and H. P. Banks got after them and the fun began. My father had a good Spanish horse at that time so he took his rope with him and the other two men had the dogs and the guns. Father succeeded in roping one and they had a time. He finally landed him down near the house. Mr. Powell and Mr. Banks crippled one with the gun. The dogs took after it and it made for our cabin. Around and around the house it went. Now, friends, you can guess where those three little boys were when all this fun was going on, right up in the middle of the bed with the door-shut. I can see that buffalo going around the house as plain as if it were yesterday. The fun ended when they succeeded in killing the buffalo.

The one father had roped was tied to a tree and they killed him too. This gave us plenty of meat for a while.

"In the spring of 1846 there was an old man by the name of Ward came along and wanted to teach school, so the people, what few there were, employed him. He taught school in a little cedar log huose close to the old Bates springs. I went to that school, the first school that was taught in the county. All the children who went to that school with me are dead. Out of the fourteen families who were here in 1844 brother Rado and I are the only ones living in the county.

"The little boys and girls who were born under the Lone Star and who went with their parents to the frontier to blaze the way for civilization that we now enjoy are all old now. They did their part. As for myself, I grew to mandhood here and in accordance with the injunction of God to go forth and multiply and replenish the earth, I married and have reared 17 children in Limestone county. Fourteen of these are still living. I have 53 grandchildren, 50 great grand children and 3 great great grandchildren. My children are scattered over Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. There has been no race suicide in my family of 120 living souls. I have tried to be a good citizen. I helped to build good roads and schoolhouses and always paid my taxes as long as I had any property to pay on.

"The sad part of life comes in old age when we have become crippled and have to live on the charities of our children. It seems to me that as much as the pioneers have done for Texas that the great State might scatter a few flowers along the path of those needy old people. Oh, civilization, civilization, where art thou? Does the survival of the fittset still prevail?"

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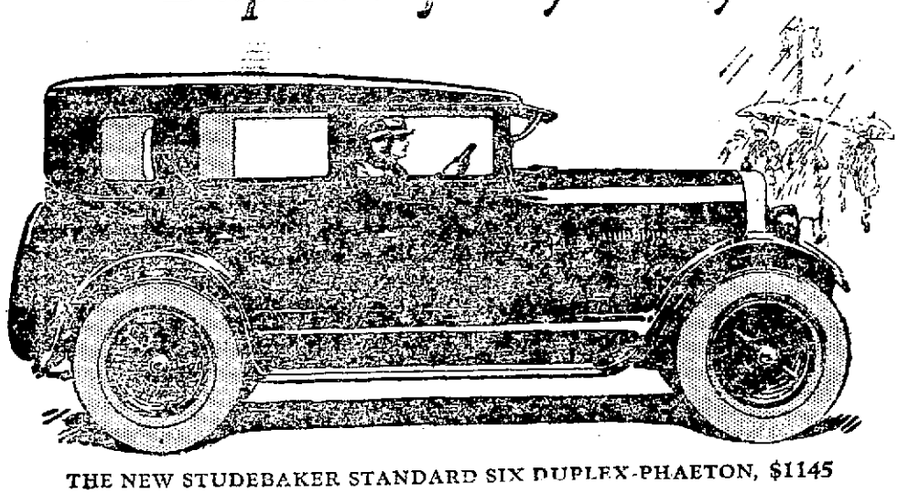

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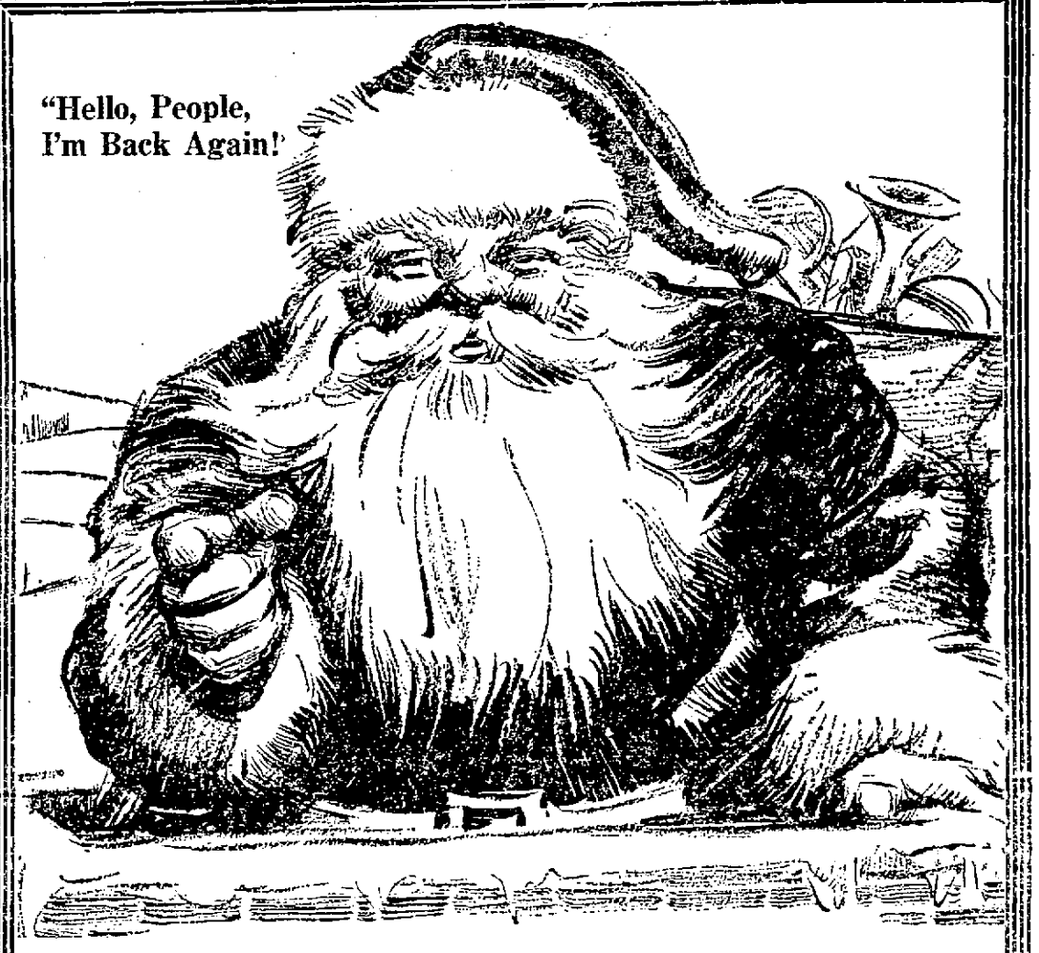

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Potash Discovery In Texas Features Geological Work

By BASCOM N. TIMMONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Discoveries of what are believed to be commercial deposits of potash in Texas was one of the outsanding accomplishments of the geological survey in 1924, Director George Otis Smith, declared in his annual report sent to congress today.

Centers in Southwest

"Investigation to discover deposits of potash has centered largely in southwestern Texas," Director Smith said. "Here the discovery of potash in well after well, the definite recognition of potash-bearing mineral, the presence of potash of commercial grade, and the prospects of finding commercial deposits of potash similar to those in Germany and Alsace are all encouraging. In this work the survey maintains cooperation with drillers and with oil companies operating in the region. Samples are collected and studied in the field and sent to Washington for analysis."

The cost of core drilling for potash has been closely studied at the request of Senator Sheppard, Director Smith said. Many geological studies were made in Texas during the year, the report said. They included work on the salt dome cap rocks; the microfauna of the Mississippion formations of San Saba county, which includes a study of the age and correlation of the Ellenburger and Mississippian contact and many fossil examinations.

Study Texas Collections

The Aldrich collection of Texas fossils at Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, was studied. Upper cretaceous formations of Texas, between Austin and the Rio Grande, came in for extensive study.

Topographic maps of a total of 80,521 square miles in Texas have been completed, the report said.

A report on ground water in the coastal plain of Texas southwest of Brazos river was completed by the survey and is to be published as a water supply paper.

"In the nation during the year 21,000 square miles were covered by topographic surveys, all of them surveys of great economic usefulness but the value of which, sad to relate, the major portion of the public is profoundly ignorant," Director Smith said.

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Radical Views On Marriage Proposed To Be Made Law

[By United Press]

OHAKA, Neb., Dec. 12.—In the face of a storm of protest, Dr. A. S. Pinto, City Health Commissioner held firmly to his theory that childless marriages should be made null and void after two years.

Among those who declare opposition to the commissioner's stand was his wife, an Omaha club woman.

Dr. Pinto asserted that if something is not done to increase the native stock, the lower European races will soon control the United States. He advocated a law taking married women out of industry and providing for annulment of marriages where there is no issue in two years, "so that either party can try again."

Mrs. Pinto pointed out to her husband that if his law had been in effect when they were married they would have been divorced many years ago. Their first child came more than two years after marriage.

Dr. Pinto advocated the adoption of the two years' marriage clause.

Marx Expected To Resign Next Week Sometime

[By United Press]

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—With the resignation of Chancellor Marx expected next week, President Ebert now is under fire of fascisti and nationalists who are seeking to discredit him and force him from office. A scene in a case unparalleled in German history took place at the President's palace where Ebert confronted a witness in a libel suit brought against an editor, Herr Rothard at Magieburg. Rothard called Ebert a traitor The President was not required to testify because of his office. but feeling that the affair was a fascisti plot, he offered to confront the editor's chief witness.

Wife Buried; Husband Sought

[By United Press]

FORT WORTH, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Henry Thompson, 19, found shot to death at Watauga, near here, was buried today while her youthful husband was being returned from El Paso on a warrant charging he slew her.

Thompson protests his innocence but will be asked to explain his hasty departure from Fort Worth Monday, the day his wife disappeared, police said. Thompson, in custody of two officers, will arrive tomorrow.

Max Walz, formerly in the oil business here, was down from Wortham today loking over our improved city.

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Texas Poultry Barred In N. Y.

[By United Press]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Western chickens are barred from New York markets today because of alarm at the pestilential disease found among fowls from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. Embargoes against these states is placed until normal conditions are restored. Twenty five per cent were stricken by the disease, officials said.

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Will Auction Off Valuable Oil Lands

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. — An auction sale of oil leases on 25,000 acres of Osage Indian reservation in Oklahoma will be held at Pawhuska December 18, Secretary Works announced. Six 160 acre tracts will be offered adjoining the Burbank oil field, one of the richest in the world. Burbank wells are believed to be draining the unleased lands.

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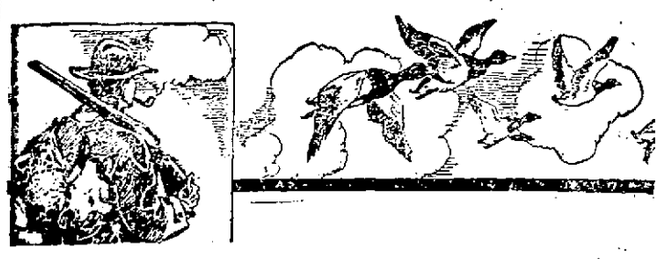

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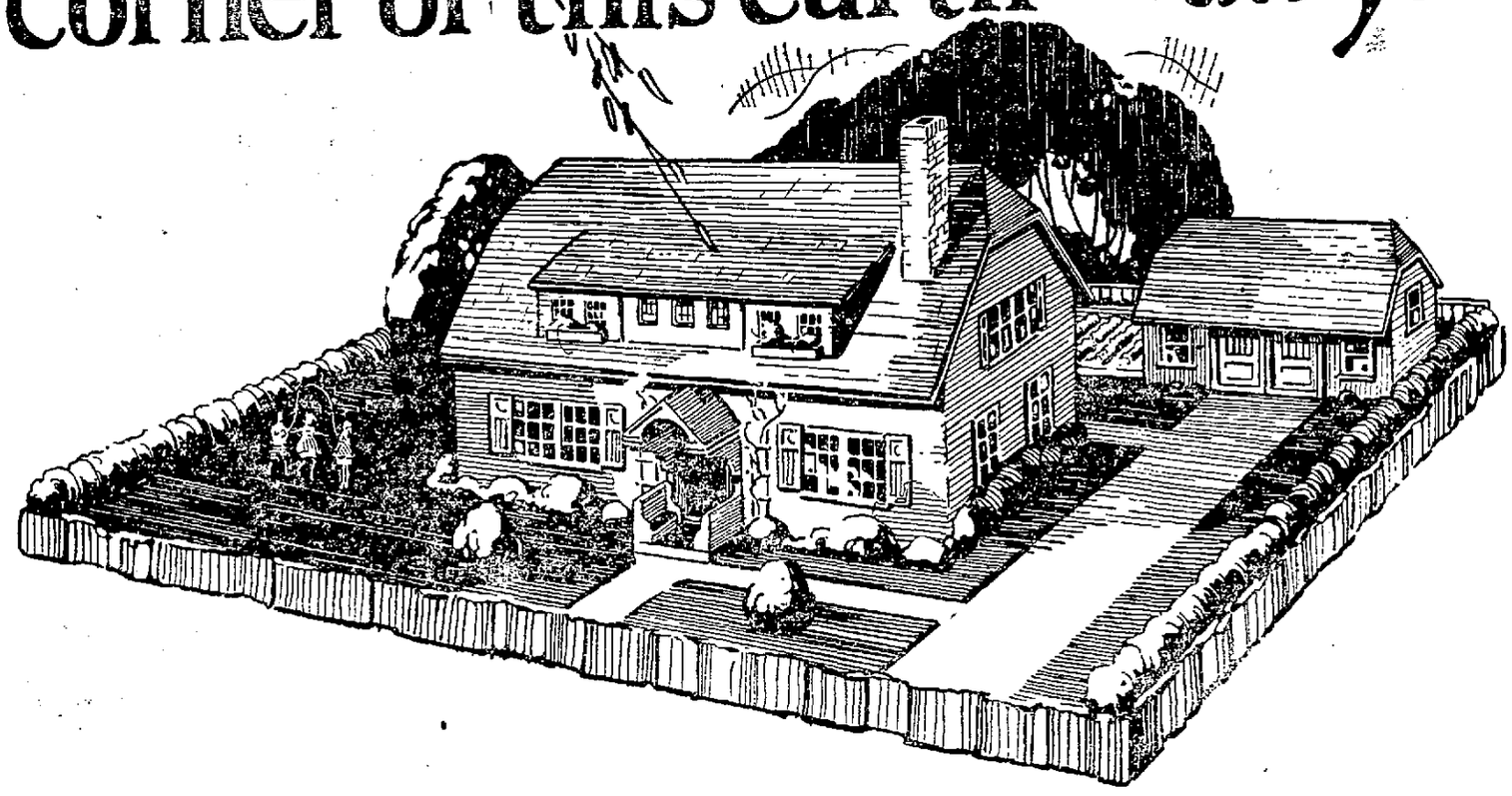

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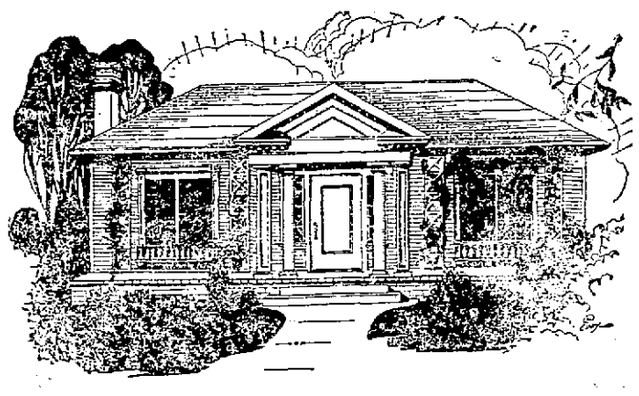

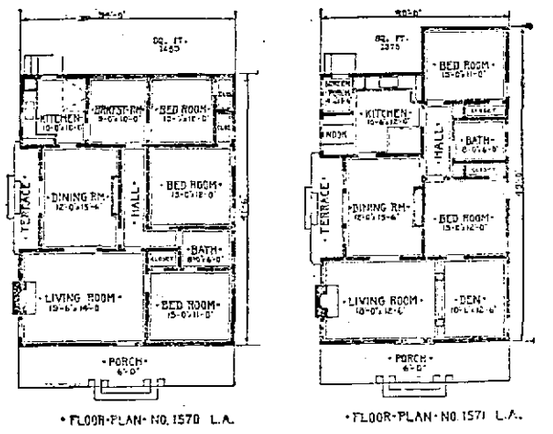

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Junior College Championship To Be Decided Next Tuesday at Stephensville, Wesley - John Tarlton

Coach "Dough" Rollin's Wesley College Panthers out and slashed their way through the powerful Westminster Wildcats for 28 points in the semi-finals for Junior College championship at Greenville Tuesday afternoon, the proteges of Coach Chas. Lewis were able to cross the Panther's goal line only one time, scoring 6 points in the last five minutes of play. The final score being 28 to 6.

WESLEY SCORES EARLY.

Allday, the star backfield man who scored the winning touchdown after a sensational 22 yard run in the opening game in Mexia Sept. 27th, started the Wesley College boys off again by plunging over for a touchdown after the first few minutes of play; Boyd's toe added another point. Taking the ball on their own 12 yard line Rollin's men reeled off six first downs in succession near the end of the first quarter. After Wesley had advanced to Westminster's eleven yard line, the Tehuacana boys rallied and held for downs but lost the ball a few moments later when Boyd intercepted Hobb's pass on Westminsters 29 yard line. A few moments later the husky Wesley fullback plunged over for the second touchdown and added another point with a place kick making the score 14 to 0 at the end of the first half.

Again in the third quarter the Panthers marched determinedly toward the Westminster goal only to be stopped on the ten yard line by being held for downs. Again Boyd intercepted Hobbs forward pass, this time on the 29 yard line. On the next play Kneiff got loose around left end for the third Panther touchdown. Boyd kicked goal for third consecutive time.

Lanningham made the fourth touch down almost single handed early in the final period when he skirted the wings for gains of fifteen and fourteen yards and then dived over for a touchdown. Boyd again made good the goal.

WESTMINSTER RALLIES.

With five minutes to go and facing a 28 point lead the Westminster Wildcats took on new life and made a determined last effort for the game. Led by Hobbs the Wildcats made four consecutive first downs stopping only after the latter had plunged over for the only score of the hilltoppers. The try for extra point fell short. Encouraged by their success they again drove down the field to Wesley's seven yard line where the final whistle stopped them.

Boyd was the outstanding star for the next state champions, while Hobbs and Battle were the outstanding stars on the Wildcat squad. Hobbs showed wonderful ability in both punting and passing, but the inability of his teammates to catch his tosses caused his good work to be of little value.

WESLEY-JOHN TARLTON.

The John Tarlton and Wesley football aggregations will play the finals for Junior T. I. A. A. championship at Stephenville next Tuesday afternoon according to an announcement made Tuesday night after a conference between the athletic authorities of the two schools.

Coach Wisdom of the John Tarlton Plowboys won the toss of a coin for the location of the game, and stipulated a guarantee.

President Coolidge To Follow Regular Policy On Trips

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Coolidge will follow a geographical policy with respect to accepting invitations to visit cities away from the capital during his administration.

If he can avoid it, no city except perhaps will see him more than once during the next four years.

Mr. Coolidge turned down an invitation of the National Republican Club of New York to speak at their annual Lincoln Day Dinner, which he addressed last year, on the single ground that he had spoken in New York twice.

Western invitations will probably receive more attention than others because Mr. Coolidge thinks the East sees a great deal more of the chief executive than the west in the ordinary course of things.

X-All Highway Is Being Well Kept During Big Rush

Through the daily attention of an efficient crew of men under Commissioner John Kennedy of this precinst, the X-All highway thru the new Mexia-Wortham oil field is being kept in such splendid condition that it is a matter of favorably comment many times daily. The road, under dry weather conditions, is holding up fine. With the men working on it daily, it is to be kept in such shape as to facilitate and lessen the expense of operations in the new district. The Chamber of Commerce of Mexia is glad to co-operate with Commissioner Kennedy in the road maintenance. The Good Roads Bond Issue called for December 16, contemplates the paving of the highway from Mexia to the county line, right up in front of the Humble Company's field headquarters, where hundreds of employes are to reside.

FAMOUS FRENCH RESIPES

[International News Service]

Egg-Plant Mourier.

PAIRS, Dec. 12.—For Egg-Plant Mourier peel two egg-plants, cut into thin slices, salt and pepper and brown in butter.

Do the same with three tomatoes. Dispose a layer of the egg-plant in a vegetable dish then one of tomatoes, powdering well with grated Gruyere cheese. Alternate until the dish is filled.

Brown in the oven and serve alone, or with the meat course.

Forgetfulness Is Defense Of Former Pastor

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. Dec. 12.—Lawrence M. Hight, former circuit rider pastor, is fighting for his life behind a defense of defective memory.

"I don't remember a thing," Hight testified on the stand when asked about his signed confession to the murder of Wilford Sweetin, husband of Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, co-defendant with the pastor. The State charges the two poisoned Sweetin in a love pact.

The defense is making a bitter fight to prevent Hight's confession from being entered into the record. The confession also admits the murder of the pastor's wife.

Hight was placed on the stand late Wednesday, with the jury out, as the defense's "ace" witness against admitting the confession. Frank Thompson, special prosecutor, shot question after question at him, and the general answer was:

"I don't know," or "I don't remember."

Previously Thompson had presented several of the Methodist ministers to whom Hight made the confession. The ministers testified that the confession was made without any promises to Hight or without threats.

Hight said it was all a dream and that he did not know what he was doing during the time the confession was made.

Want Charges of Fraud In Indian Affairs Probed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Charles H. Burke, Commissioner of the bureau of Indian Affairs, has written representative Snider, chairman of the house committee on Indian affairs, demanding a congressional investigation of recent charges of maladministration in the bureau.

The action was in response to an affidavit filed in the house by representative Howard, Oklahoma, charging the Indian bureau with mishandling of Indian funds.

"I ask the one purporting to be the author of the charges filed and the witnesses he named, be immediately called before the committee," Burke wrote.

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Reforms Asked On Reclamation Proj'ts

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The federal government should not make contracts with water users on reclamation projects which the users cannot meet but when proper contracts are made they should be enforced, Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, said in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior today.

"Continued deferments or modifications of agreements will certainly lead to the belief that they are mere scraps of paper," said Mead. "Hereafter they should be regarded as binding obligations which must be faithfully observed."

The magnitude of reclamation projects in this country according to Mead, is shown in the statement that the Reclamation Bureau irrigated 1,213,700 acres of land during the agricultural year of 1923, of which 1,179,871 acres were cropped. The crop value totaled $65,000,000, or about $55 an acre, compared with a gross value of $50,000,000, or about $43 an acre in the preceding year.

Including the land furnished in whole or in part with water from the works of the Bureau, under the Warren act, the gross value of crops produced in 1923 amounted to more than $102,000,000 as compared with $88,000,000 in 1922.

OPERATES 100 DAMS.

The irrigation works operated by the bureau included 100 storage and diversion dams, more than 15,000 miles of canals, ditches, and drains; 660 miles of pipe line, 148 miles of flume, and thousands of structures incident to the carriage and distribution of water.

During the year, the Bureau continued the extension of irrigation projects, including the construction of 800 miles of canals, ditches and drains; 9,500 canal structures, 100 bridges, 350,000 linear feet of pipe; and 35,000 linear feet of flume, and excavated 18,000,000 cubic yards of earth and rock, the total excavation at the end of the year amounting to nearly 235,000,000 cubic yards.

Mead called attention to the need of enacting the recommendations of the Special Advisory Committee which studied the reclamation problem last year, into law. He declared that a change is taking place in the conception of what is needed to make national reclamation by irrigation a social and economic success.

The outstanding features of the committee's recommendations which are embodied in a bill pending in Congress are:

1. The annual payments on construction charges will be based on the average annual gross crop return; now they are based on a percentage of the project cost, fixed without relation to the productivity of the land.

2. Where lack of soil fertility, scarcity of water, or other adequate cause, renders settlers unable to pay project costs, the Secretary may make such investigation as will disclose the pertinent facts and report them to Congress with recommendations, looking to a correction of the fault. The present law calls for repayment of project costs in full, regardless of the value of the water made available for irrigation.

3. Operation and maintenance charges will be paid in advance, thus bringing Government practice in harmony with that of privately-owned works. Such charges are now, for the most part, paid after the service is rendered.

4. The cost of the Washington office, including expenses of general investigations similar to the one undertaken by the committee, will be charged to the reclamation fund, but not to the water users as at present.

All these charges will be helpful, Meade said, in the operation of existing projects, the amended reclamation act will not provide a working plan for the development of new projects. The reason for this is the fact that many of the best opportunities for future reclamation are where the land is now privately owned.

Post Wheeler May Be Envoy to Britain

Post Wheeler, for years Counselor of the American Legation in London, is being mentioned in diplomatic circles as the next American Ambassador to the Court of St. James. It is reported that Ambassador Frank B. Kellogg is anxious to retire.

City Manager Plan To Be Subject Discussed At Port Arthur By Professor In Baylor University

WACO, Texas, Dec. 13.—Charles D. Johnson, Ph. D., head of the schcool of commerce and business administration in Baylor University and organizer of the first course in city management to be offered in any Texas college or university, has accepted an invitation of Port Arthur civic and commercial organizations to speak there December 17 on "The City Manager Plan." Dr. Johnson, who received his Ph. D. degree at University of Iowa, and who studied municipal problems there and at Johns-Hopkins University, Baltimore, is this year offering the first course in City Management ever taught in a Texas educational insttitution.

In Port Arthur, Dr. Johnson will deliver several lectures to various local civic organizations on the scientific method of handling a city's fiinances and other administrative affairs.

"If the city manager plan, which is the most scientific and economical form of municipal administrattion, were adopted in every Texas city with a population of 5,000 or more, it would mean a saving of millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money annually," Dr. Johnson says. The City Manager plan is now in operation in about 25 Texas cities.

"Galveston, Texas, was the first city in the world to adopt the city manager form of governmenit," says this noted Baylor professor. "Dayton, Ohio, was one of the first cities of the north to adopt the plan. It is noteworthy that in both cities, this form of government was adopted to take care of emergencies which confronted each city, after they had been devastated by floods. These emergencies called for a scientific, business-like administration of the cities' affairs. If then, this form of government can survive the strain of an emergency, why should it not prove satisfactory under ordinary conditions? A city should not wait for an emergency, but should provide a business-like system of government to best solve the everyday problems of a city's administrative affairs."

SUPERVISORS RETURN TO AUSTIN OFFICES

Judge H. E. Bell, chief supervisor of the oil and gas division of the Texas Railroad Commission and Laten Stanberry, assistant chief, were to return to Austin last night, will remain in the office there, handling special permit applications. The duties involved in the new field have required many days time here. In the office duties, they had the assistance of Miss Rose Modrell, secretary, who also returns to the Capital City.

54,073 Bales Of Cotton Ginned In This County

There were 54,073 bales of cotton ginned in Limestone county, from the crop of 1924 prior to December 1st, 1924, as compared with 48,759 bales ginned to same date last year, according to the report sent in by Tom L. Cox, *Census* representative in this county. The crop is just about all in but will likely run to 55,000 bales.

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Many From West Texas Coming To Mexia to Make This Home; Petty Says "Mexia Is on the Map"

George Petty, president of the Mexia Chamber of Commerce, during the big busy boom days of 1921 and 1922, yet one of the live loyal boosters of this city, has returned from a trip to the Lubbock country of West Texas. He was impressed with the flourishing prosperity of that section, touring the section for a hundred miles or more around the site of the West Texas Tech. Last Tuesday, while he was near Amarilla, the snow storm hit the section, enveloping the great grain fields under a coat of white, which are expected to burst out into a rich harvest next year. He found that Mexia is on the Map in West Texas. Wherever he went, he met scores of people who were always anxious to learn all they could about this live community. Many of them sought information, as they planned to come here to make this their homes. They were pleased to hear reaffirmed that Mexia has a splendid school system, magnificent churches and many miles of paved streets. The knowledge that on the 16th. the citizens of this consolidated road district 4 is likely to take steps to secure a complete network of better roads and highways, will be a further inducement to new comers, he states. The West Texans are coming here by auto and by trains. Hundreds are headed now for Mexia, the best known city of its size in the southwest and the livest place in the State. "Although West Texas is great, Mexia and this section are better," according to his opinion. No citizen goes a visiting but that he comes back with more pride in this community is the way every visitor has summed up the situation after a visit for a few days or many months to other parts.

While in Littlefield, Mr. Petty visited with Gus Shaw and the Street boys, well known in Mexia, who are conducting the Lamb Co. Mercantile Company. Mr. Shaw was with Nussbaum several years ago. His firm has enjoyed a thriving business this past year and the town is growing rapidly.

IMPROVEMENTS AT HURDLESTON HOTEL

W. E. LaFon, manager of the Hudleston Hotel states that an up-to-date telephone exchange is now being installed in the Hurdleston, and by the end of next week each room will be equipped with a telephone. The dining room is also being greatly improved in preparation for the opening within the next few weeks under the hotel management. The counter will be removed and tables will take its place, nothing but the best will be served in the new modern dining room.

COOPERATION IN VERSE.

Even a Robert E. Lee cannot win a battle without the complte co-operation and understanding of his generals and his army. Mexia and the surrounding communities cannot develop as they should without cooperation, which is expressed in the following verse:

You have a dollar,
I have a dollar.
We swap.
Now you have my dollar.
And I have your dollar.
We are no better off.
I build a good road.
You build a good road.
We swap.
Now you have two good roads,
And I have two good roads.
Both are richer.
What you gave you have.
What I gave you, I kept.
This is the *Cooperation* needed next Tuesday.
Vote the bonds.

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Opera House Bldg., (second floor) Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

Testimonial meetings is on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Reading Room, same building, open from 12:30 to 4 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and visit the reading room.

Mrs. R. L. Caushs, who has been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Andrews, left Saturday for her home in Cleburne.

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Lion And Rotary Clubs to Meet at Methodist Church

Next Tuesday December 16th the Lions club will have as guest the Mexia Rotary Club, at the Methodist Church, where they will be served by the ladies of the church. An excellent program has been arranged and all members of both clubs are urged to make arrangements to attend this important meeting.

TWO CARS STOLEN AT WORTHAM

Evidently the car theives stay shy of Mexia, as only one automobile has been reported stolen since the beginning of the boom period. A Ford touring car was stolen last week and was recovered the next morning before it was carried out of the city.

On Thursday night a Ford touring car belonging to a Tehuacana man was stolen at Groesbeck. Thursday night a Ford touring car belonging to W. J. Howard of Mexia was stolen at Wortham.

Every effort is being put forth by the local Police Department to keep undesirable characters out of this city, and so far have been very successful. The city jail remains empty and with the exception of an occasional drunk or petty theft, all is quiet in police circles here.

Old Limestone Citizen Died

J. D. Rambo, for many years a resident of the Prairié Grove community, died at Oakwoods Friday afternoon, where he has been living for several years with his son. The body was brought back to Limestone county for burial and the funeral occurred Saturday afternoon with interment in the cemetery at Lost Prairie, near Personville.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

The pastor and congregation extend a most cordial invitation to all strangers in the city to worship at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. The splendid choir directed by Mr. Denning, with Mrs. Aikin at the pipe organ render excellent music.

Rev. J. B. Berry will preach at the morning hour and at 7 p. m., the pastor, Rev. W. B. Andrews will preach on "Is Religion Profitable?"

Sunday School meets at 9:45 a. m., J. Sandford Smith, Superintendent.

The Junior and Intermediate League meet at 3 and 4 p. m.

The Boy Scouts are now directed by R. D. Morgan, and they meet Friday nights.

W. M. Society Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7, Acts 10th Chapter is the lesson—"Peter's Vision."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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Rev. Edward H. Hudson, Pastor.

Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a. m.

Doxology.
Invocation.
Hymn.
Scripture: Romans 14.
Prayer.
Hymn.
Offering.
Music C. E. Choir.
Sermon: "Debtors."
Hymn.
Benediction.

"A More Convenient Season" will be the subject of the evening sermon at 7 o'clock.

"Share Your Blessings" is the Christian Endeavor topic for the meeting at 6 o'clock.

"The Greatest Giver" will be the subject of the Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet Monday in the church at 3 o'clock.

The "No Left Turns" at the intersection of Commerce and Sherman streets are very helpful to the public, and no doubt have lessened the danger of that very busy part of town. Some have failed to note the sign, however, and these are urged to keep their eyes open and help lessen the hazard.

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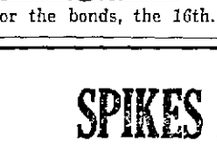

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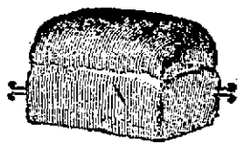

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Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl and I think I deserve something for Christmas. Please bring me a set of golf sticks and set of Jack Rabbit books. My Christmas tree is going to be by my door. And I want a lot of nuts and a lot of candy.

Yours,
Doris Cook.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a foot ball and a Santa Claus that will nod its head and a toy nigger that beats a drum and candy, nuts, oranges and apples and bananas and anything else you wish.

Good bye Santa.
Maxwell Gayle.

Dear Santa Claus:
I thought I would write you a few lines. I go to school. I am in the fifth grade. I will tell you what I want. I want a watch, knife, story books of all kinds. Don't forget my teachers.

Your friend,
Emmett Earl Pitts.

Dear Santa:
I want to tell you what I want. I want some little red topped boots, kiddie kar, some Red Riding Hood bokks, some A. B. C. blocks. a little tin horn. Some boys think there isn't any Santa Claus but there is, isn't there Santa? I live on South Ross Avenue. Don't forget the fruit and candy.

Your little friend,
Ray D. Morgan.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 8 years old. Please bring me a pretty doll and piano and fruits, nuts and candy.
And please don't forget the little Chinese and Japanese.

Your little friend,
Aleta Rosson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a sleepy doll and a piano, fruit, nuts and candy.
Please don't forget my baby sister. She is 3 years old she wants a doll and a little telephone, also fruits, nuts chocolate candy.

Your little friend,
Ina Bell Rosson.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pair of skates, a curly headed sleepy doll, a little dresser. Lots of fruits, candy, fireworks and nuts. That is all this time Santa Claus.
Lots of love

Your little friend,
Lucile Jackson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a mamma doll, also a little stove and some pretty little dishes. I have already the little cook things. I still have my little cradle you brought me last Christmas. Now Santa I hope you won't forget me.

Marcella Davis.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon, airplane and a toy that winds up, also a train which runs on a track. Don't forget my sister and be sure to bring all the little orphans something.
With love

Billy Frank Akin.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would bring me a big doll for Christmas and a set of dishes and a tricycle and some candy and a little gocart. I guess that will be all. I will throw some kisses at you.

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This is how much I love you.

Estelle Gaines.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy so won't you please bring me an auto big enough to ride in, an air plane, a rocking chair and a snap pistol with six rolls of shots. I have a baby brother, please bring him a little auto, a little rocking chair and a set of blocks and Dear Santa Clause don't forget my mother and daddy. I am a blue eyed boy, 6½ years old and live at 103 Tyler Street and my name is John A. Becker, Jr.

Dear Santa:
I am a wee bit of a baby girl, too small to make much of a showing yet but have a lusty pair of lungs, for which my mother, my daddy and I are thankful. I don't want much this Christmas but as I grow older I will learn better and ask for more presents next time. Just send me a full set of teeth. I now have six, don't forget the mothers and dadies whose babies have died since you were here last. With love.

SARA ELIZABETH ADAIR,
Age 1 year and 26 days.

Dear Santa:
I am so glad you are going to come again this year. I just can't hardly wait for Christmas to come. Be sure and send me a little tricycle, a train that runs on a track and winds up and a box of tools liks I saw in Cheeves window. I am five years old going on six. Please bring my baby sister a little doll and anything else you have in your sack, and don't forget the poor little orphan children that don't have no daddies and no mothers.

JOHN GARLAND ADAIR.

Dear Santa Claus:
I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know what I want. I want some story books a ring and all kinds of fruit and candy please don't forget my mother father brother and sister. I love you. I am 10 years old.

LUCY LEE DAUGHERTY.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a football and a humpty-dumpty circus, and a little car and a base ball bat.

E. L. SMITH.

Deer Santie Klaus:
Please sent me Sumpkin just anything if you can't think of anything just send the the money and a real furd cah and spark plug.

WELCH S.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I go to Kindergaden. So this is my First letter to ever write. I have blond hair and brown eyes. Bring me a Mama doll and brother a train he calls it a "t oto". We will love anything you bring us.

WANDA BIRDSONG.

To Prosecute Jersey Rum Scandals

GEORGE T. VICKERS

George T. Vickers, Republican, former attorney for the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, has been retained by the Democratic Prosecuting Attorney of Jersey City, N. J., to prosecute policemen, officials and others charged with being implicated in the $50,000,000 bootlegging scandal stirred up by the fighting priest, Father Bennett, of Weehawken, N. J.

Hard Surfaced Road To Forest Glade Good Argument For Better Roads Throughout Consolidated District 4

The five miles of hard surfaced highway between Mexia and Forest Glade, a project launched by Colonel A. E. Humphreys who contributed largely to its construction, has made more friends for good roads than any single piece of roadway in Central, Texas. Many times this Summer, farmers and others have had their views changed. Many a wagon has been driven into town, with bale after bale heaped upon it, easily hauled into town by a single team. The same load pulled over some other roads in this part of the county would have required four teams and then it is doubtful if they would have reached the market without mishap and certainly not without considerable loss of time.

This road was built after Colonel Humphreys had spent many days in stirring up interest in the project and his company and other oil companies as a result gave $25,000, which was covered by Limestone County with an equal amount and by the state with $50,000. It cost the taxpayers of the county only one fourth of its actual cost of construction.

It is a triumph of the public spirit which has made Colonel Humphreys sought as a citizen by scores of cities and communities. The road is as smooth as any city street; it is marked by graceful curves, with graceful declines and easy ascents, with every farm in that section benefited immeasureably and every citizen inspired with a greater vision of service.

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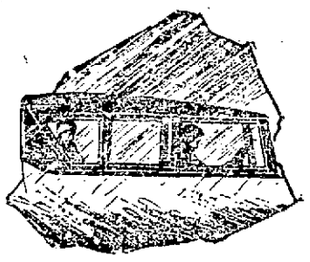

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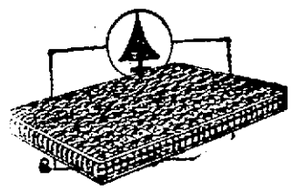

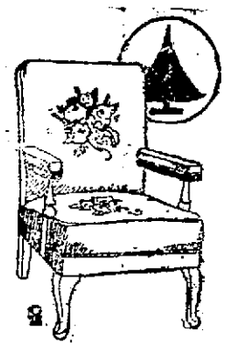

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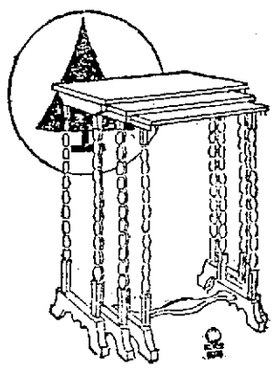

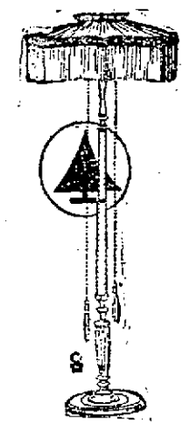

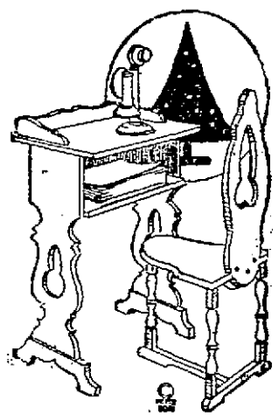

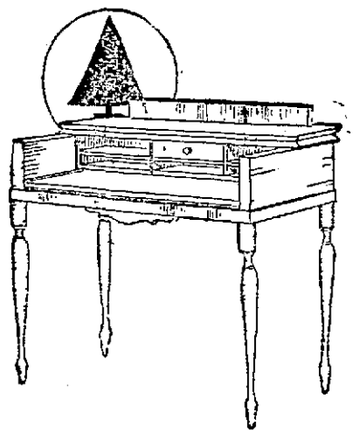

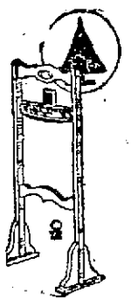

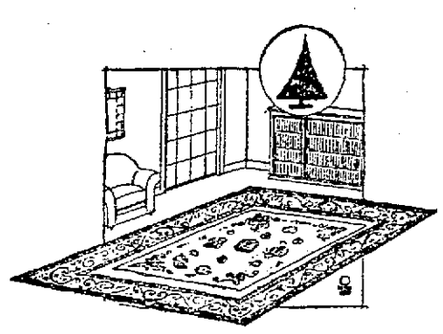

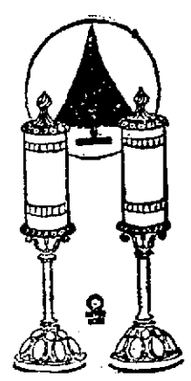

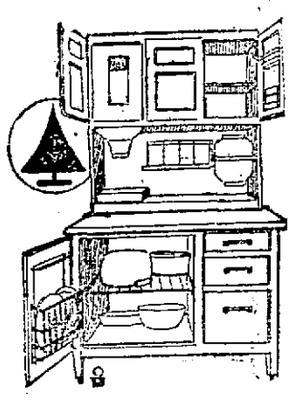

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Court House News

NEW CASES FILED IN DISTRICT COURTS

(Groesbeck Journal)

The following new civil cases have been filed in the 77th and 87th District Courts of Limestone county since our last report several weeks ago:

5319-A J. A. Stroud vs. Geo. L. Medlock.

5320-A Robt. T. H. Simmons vs. Mauryie Simmons.

5321-A Lee Ellison et al vs. G. O. Lewis et al.

5322-A Mahalia Jones vs. Arthur Jones.

5323-A Roby Echols by next friend Henry Abner vs. Humble Oil Rfg. Co. et al.

5324-A David Ross vs. Pure Oil Co.

5325-A Haney Davis vs. Joy Davis.

5326-A Bertis Ann Mae Sanders et al vs. Texas Employers Insurance Assn.

5327-A George Jones vs. Gertrude Jones.

5328-A John H. Brooks vs. A. C. Hornbeck.

5329-B Dave Waters vs. Humphreys Oil Co., et al.

5330-B Dennis Davis vs. Humphrey's Oil Co., et al.

5331-B Jim Green vs. Kate Green.

5332-B Rosa Deveraux vs. Ed Deveraux.

5333-B Dave Williams vs. Recy Mae Williams.

5334-A S. J. Nance vs. Myrtle Nance.

5335-B Mollie West vs. Ed Lee West.

5336-B J. H. Merrill, Jr., et al vs. W. L. Allen.

5337-B Tax Suit.

5338-B Johnnie King et al vs. Humphrey's Oil Co., et al.

5338-B Lourain Cooper et al vs. Humphrey's Oil Co., et al.

53400-B William Green et al vs. Humphrey's Oil Co., et al.

5341-B Roberta Wimberly vs. Joe Wimberly.

5342-B Robert Wilson vs. Texas Indemnity Ins. Co.

5343-B to 5440-B Tax Suits.

5441-B Mariah Smith vs. Henry Smith.

5442-B Exparte Wretha vs. Pearl Merrill.

5443-B L. McDonald vs. J. F. McDonald.

5444-B Geo. L. Sullivan vs. John Lane et al.

5445-B Arnett's Auto Parts Co. vs. Howard Wooton et al.

5445-B J. B. Carter et al vs. J. P. Lindley et al.

5447-B J. L. Higginbotham et al vs. Mexia Royalty Co., et al.

5448-B Wm. McNeal vs. Mexia Royalty Co., et al.

5449-B Calvin Kirven vs. Pure Oil Co.

5450-B Ida Williams vs. Elmo Walker.

5451-B Mrs. Jesse Mann vs. Jim Mann.

5452-B Nussbaum & Scharff, Ines. vs. Pure Oil Co.

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT

The following new civil cases have been filed in the county court of Limestone county since our last report several weeks ago:

1134 G. D. Roan vs. J. F. Roberts et al.

1135 G. D. Roan vs. First National Bank Coolidge garnishee.

1137 Ira Lawley vs. Viola Morgan.

1138 D. A. Kerzee vs. Southwest National Bank, Dallas.

1139 J. L. Chapman, Commissioner vs. J. W. Poindexter.

1140 J. L. Chapman, Commissioner vs. W. S. Robison.

1141 Farmers State Bank, Mexia vs. G. C. McEachen et al.

1141 John B. Atkinson, trustee vs. J. J. Anderson et al.

1143 W. A. Iley vs. Arthur Robbins.

1144 Oliver Auto Co., vs. E. D. Smitherna et al.

4270 W. W. Beall vs. Bradford Supply Co.

4330 Stroud Cattle Co. vs. Magnolia Petroleum Co.

4568 J. T. Miller vs. T. J. Cartwright.

4569 J. W. McLendon vs. Upton Barnard et al.

4570 J. W. McLendon vs. Sill Undertaking Co.

4578 W. M. Crawford vs. Pure Oil Company et al.

4580 Mitchell & Jones vs. J. L. Sinclair.

4581 D. H. Lusk vs. Will Rogers et al.

Sixth Assignment—Thursday, Third Week, December 18th.

4586 Mattie Dancy et al vs. F. L. Peyton, Jr., et al.

4589 M. D. Carson vs. E. E. Boyle et al.

4596-97 Lucile Cone et al vs. Prendergast-Smith Nat'l Bank.

4598 Mattie Snodgrass et vir vs. F. M. Cundieff.

4604 Marvin Johnson vs. Mattie Dancy et al.

5605 Lonnie Kimball et vir vs. Fred S. Dibble et al.

4612 L. J. Ingram et al vs. Jack Dodson.

4621 Estate of Mrs. M. J. Herring

4622 Estate of W. H. Herring.

4624 Lewis M. Seay, Receiver vs. P. C. Willie et al.

4647 Ira Lawley vs. George Youngblood.

4667 Basil M. Toland vs. Great Northern Life Ins. Co.

4669 J. L. Chapman vs. J. R. Slaughter.

4670 J. L. Chapman vs. W. T. Fincher.

4672 Spikes Lumber Co. vs. Claud Greene.

4702 E. D. Kay vs. J. K. Hughes et al.

4703 Brentworth Clothing Co. vs. Boston Store.

4707 Coolidge Indept's Sch. Dist. vs. G. D. Roan.

4722 R. T. Bell vs. L. G. Bledsoe et al.

4725 Miss Ellen Robinson vs. Tom McLaren et al.

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IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., Dec. 12.—Fourteen-year-old Harold Nead, of this city, faces prosecution for the alleged violation of postal regulations and forgery, following his arrest.

Nead, employed at the local postoffice as a special delivery messenger, was said to have admitted he forged names to delivery blanks and opened three letters intrusted to him for delivery. He is said to have concealed scores of letters he failed to deliver in a barn and under a sidewalk. The police were led to the hiding places by the boy, who is held pending instructions from the United States District Attorney.

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I am never too busy to renovate the old Mattress for my old Mexia patrons—or the new comers either.

We Thank You.

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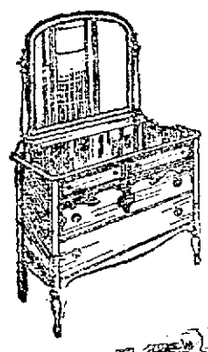

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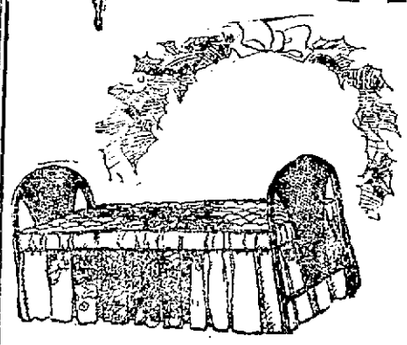

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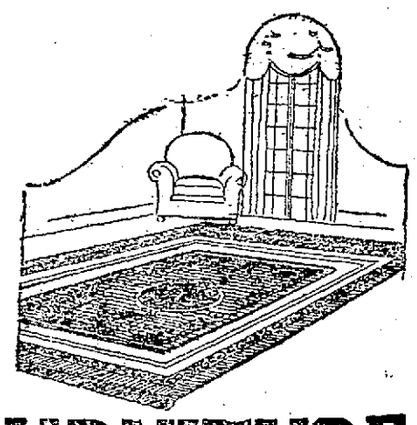

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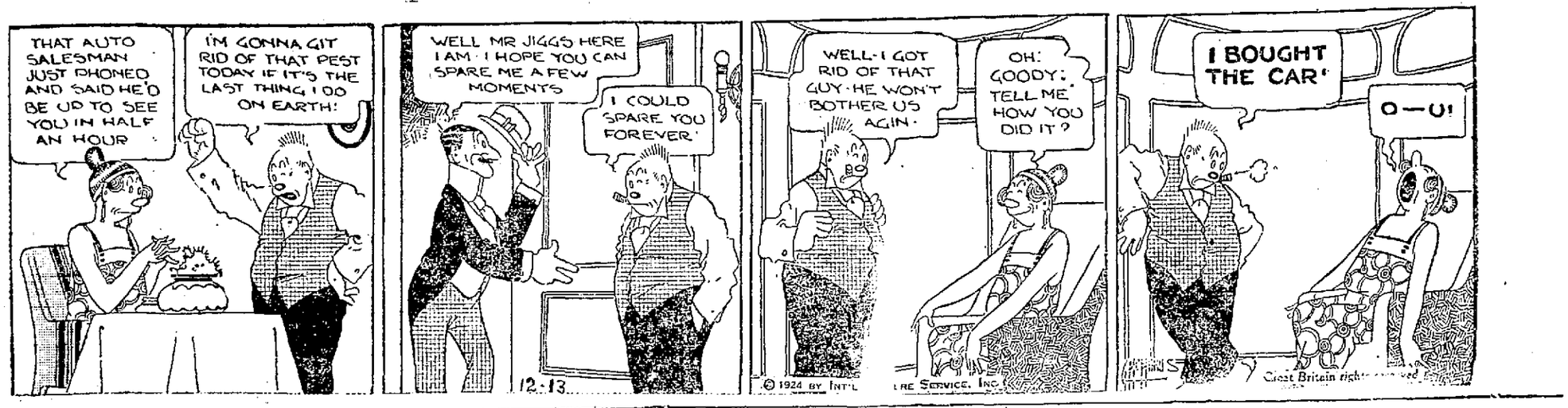
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No. 17 Dallas-Ft. Worth....4:30 A. M.
No. 37 Dallas-Ft. Worth....4:59 A. M.
No. 31 Dallas.....12:50 P. M.
No. 15 Dallas-Worth.....3:31 P. M.
South Bound.
No. 20 Houston.....12:16 A. M.
No. 38 San Antonio.....12:21 A. M.
No. 18 Houston.....1:37 A. M.
No. 32 From Dallas-stps..10:08 A. M.
No. 16 Hston-Sn Antnio..11:55 A. M.
Cutt-Off.
No.. 346 Leaves.....7:00 A. M.
No. 345 Arrives.....1:445 P. M.
F. P. HUCHINGSON, Agt.

TRINITY & BRAZOS VALLEY
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No. 7 .....12:24 P. M.
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FOR RENT—Board and rooms, also rooms partly furnished for light housekeeping, 4 miles from Wortham field, phone Tehuacana, Marsac Hotel. 12X3

FOR RENT—Rooms, 603 S. McKinney St. 11X3

FOR RENT—8 rooms, west Tyler St. just off of Belknap. A. A. LEE. 14X1

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FOR SALE at a bargain, Tailor Shop, good location, $300 cash will handle, see Mr. Van Noy at Police Station. 12X6

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FOR SALE—One-ton Maxwell truck in good shape for only thirty-five dollars. Ben A Jackson Garage and Filling Station. Phone 711. 12X2

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WANTED—Colored woman to cook, one who knows the duties of household work, references required, phone 98W, or call at 511 E. Hopkins. 11X6

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For Sale Real Estate

WRITE, PHONE OR WIRE L. E. Kollman, Honda, Texas, for bargain in residence property in Mexia, on Main Street close to school and business part of city, either cash or terms, also several houses close in with acreage for rent, for 1925. 3X10

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LOTS FOR SALE ON ROSS—Two lots for sale on North Ross. See F. R. Klotz (owner) for price and particulars. 30J7

FOR SALE—Two 4 room houses on Red River Street, a bragain for prices, write, W. T. WATSON, Kirven, Texas. 7X7

FOR SALE—3½ 50-foot lots, 800 block east Main St. 15 feet deep. Eleven rent houses on property, all rented. W. E. NORVELL, Henderson, Texas. 5X7

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FOR SALE—Five room and bath well constructed house on double lot $2500.00 cash, phone McGowan 136. 14X3

FOR SALE—Nice resident lot 100x115 Main and Bailey, phone 13. 11X3

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Baseball Pitcher Gets a Chance

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Official batting averages for the American League indicate that the efforts of the rule makers to help the pitchers are meeting with some success. Perhaps the lively ball, which produced such a spree of hitting in the past several years, was made less lively or it may be that the compromise on the pitching rules helped the pitcher and made it harder for the batters.

Most of the major league club owners view baseball from a commercial standpoint. With big investments of money represented in high-priced parks and fancy priced players with large salaries, the club owners cannot be blamed too much for watching the cash register.

Baseball, unlike the game of boxing, has been kept consistently in the favor and popularity of the public by changing its style to meet a changing interest in the game. The rules of boxing never have been changed to keep up fully with the changes that must come in the tastes and designs of changing generations. Baseball has done well in supplying just what the public seemed to want in the way of baseball.

In the old days, a tight pitchers' battle with a low score was the favorite style of baseball. Great pitchers were developed then and little premium was placed on hitting. Fast base running clubs became a vogue and league managers stressed the value of a fast attack. Base runners could be developed easier than great pitchers and great batters.

When Babe Ruth came along and made popular the slugging, smashing style of attack, the crowds flocked to games in which there was promise of a home run. Every club owner wanted a Babe Ruth on his team, but there was only one Babe and the club owners had to do the next best thing.

When the popular style of baseball turned to a hitting game, the rule makers had to impose a handicap on pitching so that it would be easier for the batter. The spitball was barred and rules were passed against the use of any foreign substance on the ball. The "shiner" and the "emery ball" were ruled out and the hitting increased.

It was rather easy then for a .275 hitter to jump up into the .300 class or better, but it was far more difficult to create a batter who could slam the ball out of the lot when the Ruth craze for home runs was started. The pitchers couldn't be saddled with any more handicaps in the delivery of the ball and the batters couldn't have it made easier for them to hit. The magnates found the solution in a lively ball that would go farther and faster.

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Does U.S. Education Lower Birth Rate

[International News Service]

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Families of mine laborers, gravel-pit workers and janitors in the United States are increasing twice as fast as those of preachers and teachers, according to Frank E. Hand, Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, in an address here.

"A recent investigation of 929 typical families showed that people of high education had an alarmingly low birth rate," said, Mr. Hand, who is director of the society's orphanage at Oakville, Ontario. "It was found that janitors and sextons, miners and quarry workers had an average of 3.6 children per family. Ministers, teachers and stenographers average 1.8 children per family."

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ALLEYS TO BE USED BY FIRMS FOR DELIVERY SERVICE SAYS NEW CITY ORDINANEC HERE

R. D. Morgan, City Secretary, Saturday gave out the following letter to local firms regarding a new ordinance to help solve traffic problems in Mexia:

Owing to the congested traffic conditions in the business part of town, the City Commission has seen fit it draft an ordinance requiring all business houses operating a delivery service to load in the alley back of their place of business.

This letter is to ask you to begin this loading in the alley before this ordinance goes into effect. This will give you some time to make preparations for such loading and to educate your drivers.

We are requesting all firms who deliver goods, wares and merchandise to your place of business to deliver same in the alley and we ask that you make this request of those from whom you buy your supplies.

Your co- co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and we hope that we may have your whole-hearted co-operation in helping to elcminate the traffic congestion.

SPORTLIGHTS

By HECK.

With a dandy seat on the fifty yard line I watched the Waco Tigers turn Beaumont's Royal Purple to a deep dark blue Friday when Tyson's crew fought their way into the finals with a brilliant 10-0 victory over the downstaters. The game abounded with all the sensational play that kept the great crowd in a frenzy and I doubt if ever a more brilliant and hard fought game was ever staged on the Cotton Palace gridiron. To Beular, Beaumont quarterback, goes the palm for the greatest offensive play I have ever seen in a high school game and this lad came near beating Waco all by his lonesome. Balliew, Beaumont half back was also going great guns when injuries forced him from the game at a critical moment and it took the steam out of the Wildcats.

For the Tigers the brilliant work of Taylor and Groves was matched by the uncanny generalship of Ish the Waco quarterback and while these three will probably get the credit for the Waco victory I can't help but fell that the main glory goes to that wonderful Waco line which stood like a stone wall against a terrific attack from an eleven that had never unt\ then been stopped by any line but believe me the Royal Jurple found more than their match when they tried to dent the Tiger line. Beaumont uncorked a great variety of plays that would beat most any eleven but to my mind the Waco Tigers have developed a system of defense that is almost unbeatable. The Waco line showed to greater advantage than did Beaumon't although the Purple was doped to be far better than the Tigers in this respect and the Tiger forwards are due the glory for making the great line plunging of Taylor possible for they usually cracked the Purple line just enough to let the ripping, tearing and slashing Taylor get through for good gains. The Waco eleven now meets Oak Cliff for the state championship and its a cinch that the big stadium at Dallas will be packed for this attraction. The Waco-Cliff game is a hard one to dope and while a great majority of the sport writers will pick the Dallas entry I can't help but stake m ybet with the Waco eleven and Paul Tyson. There is no argument but what Beaumont lost to a better eleven and while the odds all favor Oak Cliff I have a hunch that Tyson will bring his Tigers around for the game just as he has all season—just good enough to win.

Farmers and Bankers to Meet at A&M Cooperation in Verse

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, December 13.—Preparations are being made to entertain 100 farmers and as many bankers of Texas at the annual Banker-Farmer conference which will be held at the A. & M. College of Texas next Monday and Tuesday, December 15-16. The visitors will be accommodated as guests of the institution, beds provided them in contingent space in College buildings and meals served them in the Mess Hall.

Representatives of both the bankers and farmers invited to lead the discussions on various phases of the problems peculiar to both interests have accepted . The program of the conference has been divided in three parts, the first session being confined to consideration of the problems of increasing production, the second being devoted to ranch management and economics and the third to farm and ranch financing.

Four farmers in Texas whose achievement in improving the production of their farm enterprises has come to the attention of the Extension Agents of the College and been recognized as notable will tell of their methods in detail. Practical ranchmen have also been selected to give suggestions for improving ranch methods . Bankers with experience in financing various enterprises of the farm and ranch will give their ideas of the kind of credit needed by farmers and ranchmen and how it may be obtained. The conference will conclude with a half day spent in round table discussion of the topics aroused by the previous addresses and discussions.

Ed Dresser of Corsicana returned Saturday after a business trip here for several days. Mrs. Dresser will be here several days. They formerly resided here. Their son Paul Dresser who attended the Mexia High School is to graduate this year from the Corsicana High School.

C. N. Wakefield of Coolidge is convalesing at the Brown Hospital after an appendix operation.

Appearing at the National Theatre

Walter Hiers and Constance Wilson in a scene from the Paramount Picture "Fair Week."

H. K. Boyd of Big Lake, with the Simms Oil Company, is in the new field here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Littman will leave Mexia Sunday for a trip to New York through the holidays.

1,000,000 Children at Work in America

[International News Service]

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—One million children slaving their childhood and all their future usefulness away and 200,000 children coming before courts each year, dependent and delinquent—these are the responsibility of every thinking woman in the United States, according to Miss Mary L. Downes, High Chief Ranger of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters.

"The appeal of the 1,000,000 little wage slaves," Miss Downes said in a speech here, "has aroused the interest of the 70,000 members of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, and all the thirty-two States in which we have courts these women will ask their Legislatures to ratify the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution."

Mrs. J. A. Strong returned home from the Brown Hospital Saturday after having undergone an operation.

REV. G. T. REAVES GOES TO BRADY

Pastor of First Christian Church to deliver last sermon of pastorate at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

R. J. Schradt, former President of First State Bank of Taylor was in Mexia on business Saturday.

MRS. J. K. HUGHES SIMMONS 1 DEADY TO START DRILLIN IN.

Mrs. J. K. Hughes of this city, only woman operator in this part of Texas, is expected to start drilling in on her Simmons 1 the first part of this week. It is looked upon as being one of the most favorable locations in the Wortham field. Mrs. Hughes has two other wells rapdily going down in the same district which is in the very heart of activity. Her well will likely be among the first half dozen brought in.

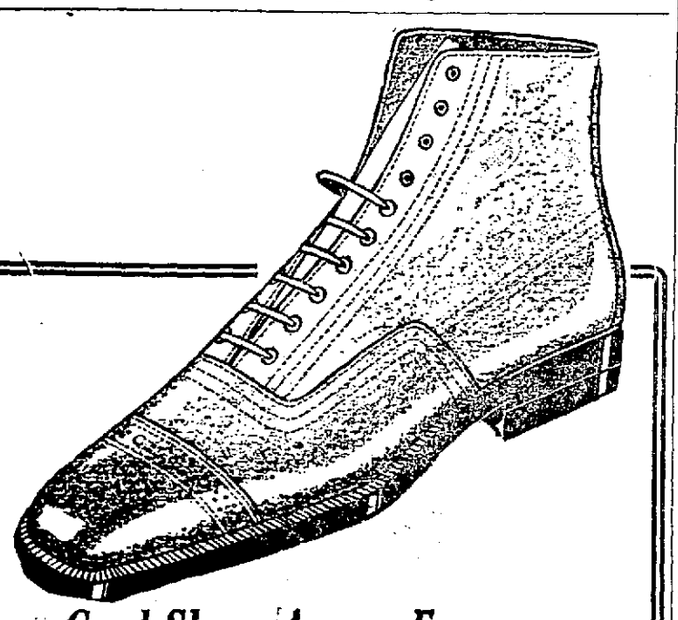
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wheelock and children of Corsicana are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith.

Mrs. W. W. Day is convalesing at the Brown Hospital after an operation, she is expected to be able to return to her home soon.

Secretary Farrow of the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce was a Mexia business visitor Saturday.

Lunien L. Powll was here from Houston Saturday.

Claud McMillian was here from Greenville Saturday.



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